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Some examples of early land deeds obtained from family researchers

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Know all men by these present that I, MICHAL HARTLY, has this day bargained and sold to THEOP'S POWELL, a tract of land containing eight hundred acres situated near the saw-mill creek granted to me by IRAQ'N OSORNO, former Commandant of Mobile by these present do hereby quit and relinquish all my rights, titles and interest, both me & my heirs & assigns forever in and for the consideration of three hundred and fifty dollars to me well and truly paid in hand, and for the -----and for the ----- thereof I do warrant, and define said land to said THEOP's POWELL, his heirs & assigns against my claim or claims what ever government only accepted. In witness thereof I have herewith set my hand at Mobile this thirtyith day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and nine, in the presence of

TENON ORSO
AUGUSTIN ROCHON

(signed)
MICHAL (X) HARTLEY

To the Commission of land claims east of Pearl River
Sir,

Please take notice that I claim all that tract of land contained under the boundries following, viz: bounded on the North and North East by saw-mill creek, on the East by saw-mill creek, on the South by Bayou Sara, on the West by vacant lands, containing about a league and a half square by virtue of a permit from the Spanish Government to WM. HARTLEY.

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(data not copied)...dated the 4th Sept. 1802 from whom I purchased my deed of sale dated the 2nd of May 1812.

I also claim as agent for THOS. MALONE, a tract of land lying on both sides of saw-mill creek, containing twelve ---- front by forty deep, by virtue of a Spanish permit dated the 3rd of November 1806, granted to BURWELL PERRY, and from him conveyed to the said THOS. MALONE by deed of sale dated the 7th of January 1808.

Louisiana East of Pearl river. Parish of Pascagoula. June 10th 1813.

N.B. I claim twelve arpens by forty deep on each side of the creek making together 960. (signed) JAMES CALLER

Mr. Commandant

WILLIAM HARTLEY of this jurisdiction appears before your worship & with due respect represents that he is desirous to improve a plantation, but having no lands of his own whereon to effect it; and there being a vacant tract about six leagues North of this place situated between Bayou Sara & saw-mill creek, & bounded on the North & North east by said Saw-mill creek & to the East by said creek, on the South by Bayou Sara, and on the West by vacant lands. Which contains about a league and a half square extending along the Royal road to the Fort to which there has not hereto been any Claimant & which is very useful to the petitioner for the object before mentioned, in as much as a small corner of it contains about ten arpens, is good land whereon he can settle, the rest is of no use but for pasturage, therefore, respectfully supplicates your worship to be pleased to grant him your valuable permission in order that he may begin as soon as possible to build himself a dwelling house; A favor which he hopes to obtain from the known goodness of your worship.

Mobile the 2nd of September 1802. (signed) WILLIAM HARTLEY

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Mobile the 4th of September 1802

I grant permission to the petitioner to settle on the land he solicits, provided it be vacant, & no ----- be thereby done to any other person but he must apply to the intendency for title in due form.

(signed) CAYENTANO PERE

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Know all men by these present that I, WILLIAM HARTLY of West Florida, have bargained, sold, conveyed & transferred all my rights, title and interest of the within tract or parcel of land according to its boundaries to JAMES CALLER of the Mississippi Territory of the U. States for the valuable consideration of four hundred dollars to mine hand paid, to his heirs and assigns forever, free and clear from him, his heirs, and assigns forever. Sworn under my hand and seal this the second day of May 1812.

(signed) THOMAS (X) BATES

WILLIAM (X) HARTLY

Mr. Commandant

BURRELL PERRY, inhabitant of the river, with due respect represents to your worship that wishing to become an inhabitant of this place, and a subject of his Catholic Majesty which God preserve, he hopes that for this purpose, your worship will permit him to ---- with his family which consists of his wife, a negro & negro woman, within the Spanish dominions, and to settle on a piece of land situated about seven leagues distant from this place on a creek called Mill Creek on the Royal road that passes to St. Stephens; and to establish on the other side of the creek a plantation, and the petitioner being a carpenter by trade, this place offers him an advantageous situation for building a saw mill which he offers to do within the space of one year from the date hereof, and which will be ----- of great utility to this town. Wherefore he respectfully supplicates your worship to be pleased to give him your valuable permission to settle on the said land, and to grant him, at the same time, twelve arpens of land front on the said Bayou, on the Eastern side thereof, and twelve on the other side of the said Bayou so the Bayou will flow through the centre of the twenty-four arpens which he solicits may be granted, or sold to him by the King; a favor which he hopes to obtain from the known goodness of your worship.

Mobile the 6th of January 1806.

(signed) BURRILL PERRY

Pensacola the 7th of February 1806

It appearing from the result of the strictest enquiries that BURRELL PERRY the petitioner is a man of honesty, industry, & good conduct, and that his dwelling & plantation have been accidentally thrown within the American dominions by the line of demarcation, I grant him tacit permission to settle on Mill Creek, on the twelve arpens of land he solicits for his farm (labranza tillage) and for the erection of a water mill which he wishes to make on said Bayou; on the express---- that the land which he wishes to settle & build upon, be vacant, since he will not be responsible for the damage(remainder not copied)

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The said THOS. MALONE also declares that should he recover no land by virtue of the above transfer, he still does not look to the said PERRY for the return of the money he has paid and which the said Perry acknowledges the receipt of nor for any other indemnification by reason of the failure to obtain a complete title to the said land.

Inhabited & cultivated for three or four years by B. PERRY according to the testimony of D. HARTLEY.

(signed) HARRY TOULMIN

To the Commissioner of land claims east of Pearl river
Sir,

Please take notice that I claim a tract of land situated on Deer river containing eight hundred superficial arpens by virtue of a grant from the French Government conceded to JOHN ROCHON by whom it was transferred to JOHN TRUILLET by deed of sale whose date cannot now be ascertained in consequence of its having, together with the original grant, been burnt at the time of the conquest of the Floridas by the Spanish troops, but the title is recognized by the Spanish Government by a complete concession from that Government to the widow of said TROUILLETT, bearing date the 14th of August 1809, accompanying the above concession are a platt and certificate of survey executed by the surveyor-general of West Florida dated the 11th of August 1807 in conformity with an order of survey as recited on the certificate bearing date of 23rd Feby. 1807. The above tract of land was sold by the Executors of the Estate of said TROUILLET to THOS. POWELL by a deed of sale dated the 5th of October 1809, & by him transferred to me by deed of sale dated the same year & confirmed the 10th of June 1813, and which I hold jointly with EDM'D P. GAINES, and claim equally on his account and on my own.

I also claim as above another tract of land situated on a branch of Dog river called the Rateau Panche, or moline containing eight hundred superficial arpens, by virtue of an order of settlement, & plat of survey executed by the Spanish Government in favor of JOHN TROUILLET, the order of settlement dated the 18th of June 1798, & certificate of survey dated the 7th of April 1804; which tract of land was sold by the Executors of the Estate of said TROUILLET to THOS. POWELL, by deed of sale dated the 5th of October 1809 & by him transferred to me by deed of sale dated the same year & confirmed the 10th of --- as above, & which I claim for myself & EDM'D P. GAINES(remainder not photocopied).

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TUSANT

Know all men by the public instrument, that I DANIEL TUSANT, an inhabitant of this jurisdiction do bargain & sell really and bona fide, unto HENRY BODIN dwelling on the same, a tract of land belonging to me situated on Fish River containing about (more or less) forty acres front by the visual depth, bounded on the East by a small Bayou called Tosif which separates it from the plantation belonging to the heirs of LEWIS BODIN; on the west by the point & mouth of said River, on the North by the same, & on the South by the Pine Woods & King's lands which I sell unto the aforementioned free of all securities & incumbrances (upon which none appears to be in this commandancy) for the sum of two hundred hard dollars, to me paid in hand, the receipt whereof I hereby duly acknowledge & grant in form; In Faith of which I surrender & make over all rights of property, possession command in & over the said land; having received it of DANIEL WARD an inhabitant of this district, by virtue of an express clause in his Will, wherein he made me a gift of the same. All of which I renounce, grant, & transfer to the purchaser & to heirs, successors and assigns, that as his own, he may possess, exchange, sell, or alienate of his own free will by virtue of this

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writing in whose favor I grant in sign of real delivery, whereby he may be seen to have obtained possession without other proof be required from which I discharge him, & bind myself for the security, validity & firmness of this sale in all form of right with my present and future property empowering H.M. JUSTICE & inserting a clause to that effect for their juridication to execute with full right all judicial decrees. Wherefrom I renounce all laws in my favor with the General one in the form it prohibity. I, HENRY BODIN, being present at the prossing of this writing, accept of the purchase of said land, at the price, conformity and conditions of upon which it is sold to me, granting a formal receipt of the same. In testimony whereof I date the present in Mobile 2nd May 1080.

I, Don ANTONIO de SALAZAR, Captain of Grenadiers of the Public Reg't of Infantry, Civil & Military Commandant of this place & district, with two witnesses who subscribe with me (for want of a Notary Public) certify & know that the contracting parties have signed the foregoing. In presence of FRANCISCO de HEVIA. L. de VALVERDE & JOSEPH COLLINS, DANIEL LUSAN, HENRY BODEN, FRANCISCO CANEDO, RAMON LOPEZ.

before me, ANTONIO de SALAZAR

The above in conformable to the original which is among the records of this Commandancy under my charge which I quote, & at the request of the purchaser, I give the present before two attending witnesses (for want of a Notary Public) & on plain paper, having none stamped on the day of drawing the instrument.

FRANCISCO CANEDO ANTONIO de SALAZAR RAMON LOPEZ

Evidence

LOUIS D'OLIVE being sworn saith that the land claimed by NICHOLAS WEEKS as agent for HENRY BODEN & lying on Fish River, was inhabited and cultivated by DANIEL WARD from that the time that the English possessed this country until his death, that the said land has been inhabited and cultivated until this time from the death of said Ward by Mrs. RERNET & DANIEL DUZAN.

To the commissioner of land claims east of Pearl river
Sir,

Please take notice that I claim two hundred and forty acres of land situated on Fish River by virtue of a grant from the British Government burnt at the time of the conquest of Florida by the Spaniards, given in favor of LOUIS BODIN whose heirs, HENRY & CONSTANCE BODIN, conveyed it to me by instrument of writing dated 1st of January 1810 which instrument of writing is filed with this notice.

(signed) THOMAS POWELL
Louisiana East of Pearl River,
Parish of Pascagoula,
June 25, 1813

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(first section not copied)...real deed of transfer for which I give a formal receipt. In testimony where of the present is dated in the town of Mobile 5th day of April 1813.

I, CAYETANO PEREZ, Captain of the Louisiana Reg't of Infantry, civil and military Commandant of said place and district, with two assissting witnesses who subscribe with me (for want of a Notary Public) certify & give faith to the contracting parties that they have signed it in the presence of JOHN JOSEPH BON, VERIS PANA, BENJ. DUBROCA, JAMES INNERARITY, FRANCIS GIRARD.

Before me, CAYETANO PEREZ

FRANCIS MORGAN, JOHN ESTEVER

This is in conformity to the original which was executed before me & remains in the record of public instruments which is among the archives of this Commandancy under my charge to which I have recourse & at the solicitation of the parties grant the present on two leaves of plain paper, having no stamp in the day of its excution.

(signed) CAYETANO PEREZ

To the Commissioner of land claims East of Pearl River
Sir,

Please to take that by virtue of a Power of Attorney dated in Charleston the 21 Aug't 1812 from the heirs of BENJ. & DANIEL WARD of this province of West Florida deceased & of JOHN WARD of Charleston S. Carolina deceased, I claim for their use and benefit a tract of land situated on the East side of Fish River Cutting and bounding south on the Bay of Mobile, West on Fish river, East northerly on a small creek & lands settled by LOUIS FRANCOIS BROAIDEN and on all other sides by vacant lands at the time of the grant which said tract contains eight arpens in front on Fish River with the accustomed depth generally granted to the former French inhabitants by the French Government which I claim for the heirs aforesaid in virtue of a title from the French Govt. lost by time or accident, & by a lease & release for the same given by PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT to DANIEL WARD. The lease executed the 18th October 1764 & the release on the 19th of the same month & year both herewith accompanying. I also claim for the said heirs a tract of land of four acres front by the ordinary depth situated on Fowl River by virtue of a title from the French or British Government lost by time or accident & a sale executed of the same by Gov. HENRY GREMAREST of this place to DANIEL WARD for a valuable consideration on the thirtieth of March 1786 as per sale herewith. I also claim for the same heirs in virtue of a grant of D. WARD from the Spanish Government a tract of thirty five acres front by the ordinary depth on the Bayou Matthiew opposite the upper end of MONLUIS' corn field. Grant herewith dated 29 April 1783.

Mobile 25th June 1813

(signed) James Innerarity
Attorney in fact for the heirs
of B., D., & J. Ward

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West Florida Ss.

This indenture made the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty four and in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of God of Great Britian, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and so forth between PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPE-NOIT of Fish River in the province aforesaid merchant of the other part witnessed that the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings of lawful money of Great Britian to him in hand paid by the said DANIEL WARD, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge and for divers other good causes and considerations him thereunto moving, hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said DANIEL WARD, his executors, administrators and assigns all that tract of land situated on the east side of Fish River about thirty miles from the town of Mobile cutting and bounding south on the Bay of Mobile, west on Fish river, east northerly on a small creek & lands settled by LOUIS FRANSWA RODIN and on all other sides by vacant lands which said tract of land contains eight arpents on front on Fish river with the accustomed depth generally granted to the former French inhabitants by the French Govenor, together with all woods, under woods, timber and timber trees, lakes, ponds, fishings water, water courses, profits, commodities here ----- and appurtenancies whatsoer there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining together with privilege of hunting, hunting, hawking and fowling in and upon the same and all mines and minerals, except mines of gold & silver, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits of all and singular the said premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances.

To have and to hold the said tract of eight French arpents in front with the accustomed depth and ---- singular other the premises above granted, bargained and sold and every part or parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said DANIEL WARD his executors, administrators and assigns from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence insuing and fully to be completed and ended yielding and paying therefore one pepper corn at or upon the feast day of St. Michael next ensuing the date hereof (if lawfully demanded) and no more to the intent by virtue of these presents and by force of the statute made for transferring uses unto possession he the said DANIEL WARD may be in the actual prossession of all and singular the said premises above bargained and sold with the appurtenances and be thereby enabled to take and accept of a grant and release of the reversion and inheritance thereof to him and his heirs to the only proper use and behoof of the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs and assigns forever by indenture intended to be made between the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT of the one part, and the said DANIEL WARD of the other part and to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these presents. In witness whereof the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPE-NOIT hath hereunto set his hand seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us

LOIS FRANCOIS RODIN

PETER MARTIN (seal)

TENBAPTISTE ALLEXANDRE

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West Florida

Be it remembered that on the twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven appeared before me PHILIP LIVINGSTON Jr. Esqr. thereunto duly authorized and also Deputy Provincial Secretary for the said Province Gen. BAPTISTE ALEXANDER one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God did depose and say that he saw the within named PETER MARTIN sign, seal, execute, and deliver the within instrument as his voluntary act & deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that the names LOIS FRANCOIS BODIN and of TEN BAPTISTE ALLEXANDER are respectively the proper hand writing of the said LOIS FRANCOIS BODIN and of him this deponent and were so severally set and subscribed as witnesses thereto at the time of the signing and executing thereof and I having inspected the said instrument and finding therein and allow it to recorded.

PH. LIVINGSTON, Jr. D. Sec't.

Pensacola January 1777

I do hereby certify that the within instrument together with the certificate of the proof thereof are recorded in the Secretary & Registers office of the Province of West Florida in Lib. D. No. 5, page 438 etc.

Examined and compared with the said record by
PH. LIVINGSTON, Jr. D. Sec't.

(Indorsed)

21st January 1777. Received & proved by oath of JN. BAPT. ALEXANDER before Ex'd.

West Florida S.S.

This indenture made the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty four and in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britian, France, Ireland, King Defender of the Faith & so forth, between PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT of Fish River in the province aforesaid inhabitant of the one part and DANIEL WARD of Mobile in the province aforesaid, Merchant, of the other part, witnesses that whereas his most Christian Majesty by the certificate of Mons'r DABBED ANNIBAL DEVELLE CHEVALIER of the Royal order of St. Louis and Leut. Governor of Mobile and of Mons'r DABBEDIE Director General and Governor of New Orleans bearing date the twenty first day November one thousand seven hundred and sixty three did give and grant unto the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT his heirs and assigns for ever a certain tract of land situated on Fish River within West Florida aforesaid containing eight arpens in front on the east side of said river with the accustomed depth as will more fully & at large appear by the said original French titles. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT in hand paid by said DANIEL WARD at or before the sealing or delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT doth hereby acknowledge and therefor and doth acquit, release & discharge the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs, executors and administrators and every of them by these presents hath granted, bargained, sold, alienated, released & conformed and by these presents doth fully and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, release and confirm unto the said DANIEL WARD (in his actual possession now being by virtue of a bargain and sale to him thereof made for one whole year by indenture bearing date the day next before the day of the date of these presents and by force of the statute made for transferring uses into possession) and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all that tract of land situated about thirty miles from the town of Mobile on the

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east side of Fish River butting & bounding south of the Bay of Mobile, west on Fish River, east northerly on a small creek & land settled by LOUIS FRANCEWA BODEN and on all other sides on vacant lands which said tract of land contains eight French arpents in front on Fish River with the accustomed depth generally granted to the former French inhabitants by the French Governor, as by the grant thereof herein before mentioned reference being thereunto had, will more fully and at large appear together with all woods, underwoods, timber and timber trees, lakes, ponds, fishing water, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions and reversions remainders and remainders, rents, ---- and profits thereof, and every part and parcel thereof together also with all mines and minerals in and upon the same premises being or belonging (gold and silver mines only accepted) and also all the estate right, title, interest as trust possession, property, claim & demand whatsoever both at law & equity of him the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT of in and to all and singular the said premises above mentioned and of in and to every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract of land and all and singular the said premises with the appurtenances hereby granted, released and confirmed and every part and parcel thereof unto the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs & assigns forever and the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT for himself, his executors and administrators doth hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs & -----in manner & form following (that is to say) that he the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT is the true and lawful owner & proprietor of all and singular the premises herein before granted with the appurtenances unto the said DANIEL WARD, and that he now hath good right & title and lawful authority to grant, alien, release & convey all and singular the premises hereby granted and released with the oppurtenances unto the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs and assigns for ever in manner aforesaid. And also that the said PETER MARTIN alias CHAMPENOIT, his heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or who shall or may at any time or times here after lawfully claim any estate right, title or interest of in to the said tract of land and premises hereby granted and released as aforesaid on of in or to any part thereof shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter at and upon the reasonable request and at the proper costs and charges in the laws of the said DANIEL WARD his heirs and assigns make, do execute and acknowledge and suffer, or cause to be made, done, acknowledged and suffered all and every such further and other reasonable act and acts, thing and things concerning the premises in the law whatsoever for the further better and more ----- granting, assuring, conveying of the said tract of land & premises hereby granted and released with the apurtenances and every part or parcel thereof unto the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs & assigns to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said DANIEL WARD his assigns & heirs for ever as aforesaid as by the said DANIEL WARD, his heirs and assigns or his or their council learned in the law shall be reasonably advised, devised and required. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us... LOIS FRANSIS ALLEXANDRE
TENBAPTISE ALLEXANDRE

Received the day and year within written of and from the within named DANIEL WARD the full sum of two hundred and thirty dollars being the consideration within mentioned be paid to me by him. I say by me PETER MARTIN.

Pensacola February 1777 witnesses LOIS FRANSOIS BODIN, TENBAPTISTE ALEXANDRE

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I do certify that the within instrument receipt and certificate of the proof thereof are recorded in the Secretary & Register's Office of the Province of West Florida in the Lib. D No. page 440 & examined and compared with the said record by Ph. LIVINGSTON Jr.

(signed) D. Secr'y

West Florida Ss

Be it remembered that on the twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven appeared before me, PHILLIP LIVINGSTON Jr., Esquire thenunto duly authorized and also Deputy Provincial Secretary for the said Province TEN BAPTISTE ALEXANDRE one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose & say that he saw the within names DANIEL WARD and PIERRE MARTIN severally sign, seal, execute, and deliver the within instrument and also saw the said PIERRE MARTIN sign the receipt herein indorsed as their several and respective voluntary acts and deeds for the uses and purposes thereing mentioned, and that the names of LOIS FRANCOIS BODIN and of him this deponent and were so severally set and subscribed as witnesses thereto at the time of the signing and, executing thereof and I having inspected the said instrument and receipt and finding therein no material erasures, intertinations or obliterations do certify the same and allow them to be recorded.

(signed) PH. LIVINGSTON Jr.

D. Sec'r

(Indorsed)

21st Jan'y received & proved by oath of T. BAPTIST ALEXANDER before P.L.

(Translation from the French)

To Mr. HENRY de GREMAREST, Lieut. Colonel of H.E.M. Army, Civil and Military Governor of the jurisdiction of Mobile & its District ect. DANIEL WARD, an inhabitant of your jurisdiction very humbly petitions you, being desirous of making these very respectful representations, that you may please to afford him your protection to the following effect. The petitioner being under the greatest need of sending his negroes to open a tract of land suitable for cultivation on the river, for this purpose he solicits you to grant him thirty five arpents front in the Bayou Mathew on the west side, opposite the upper end of Mr. MONLUISE' plantation at a point between this plantation & Mr. NARBONNE's, ascending the said Great Bayou as it a tract which no one has claims to he vertures to hope that you will be pleased to grant it him. In acknowledgement of the same, he will not cease to offer prayers to Heaven for the preservation of your days & all that is dear to you, & to be with profound respect...

Sir, your very humble & very respectful serv't

(signed) DANIEL WARD

Mobile 9th Dec'r 1782

Mobile 29th April 1783

NO one sustaining an injury, I grant permission to the petition for this year to settle the place upon thiry-five arpens of land which he solicts.

GRIMAREST

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(Translation from the Spanish)

Know all men by these present that I, PETER de FAVIOT, a Captain of the Louisiana Reg't, Civil and Military Commander of this place, by virtue of a power to me invested by Mr. HENRY GRIMAREST, Colonel of the army of New Orleans, under date of 23rd January this present year, do grant and sell really & absolutely, unto Mr. DANIEL WARD and inhabitant of this jurisdiction, a plantation whom the said Mr. de GRIMAREST had purchased from the two brothers BAPTIST & JOSEPH NICAISSÉ, as appears by the sale made by the Notary Public of the District on the 14th October 1784, or the said plantation of 4 arpents front, situated on Fowl River, six leagues distant from this place, upon which is built a house 25 feet broad & 16 wide besides an additon newly constructed to said house properly roofed, fenced in around & ditched up, for the use of the country with doors, windows, iron work, locks & keys thereunto belonging, besides a kitchen 16 feet wide by 6 deep, a hen house & oven, everyone to itself, adjoining said house, ranges for cattle, inclosures of corn field, divided from the plantation of Mr. ORBANNE, situated in a marshy place whose circumference is fenced in by good stakes placed horizontally now sold to the aforesaid Mr. DANIEL WARD, with all its entrance & outlets, uses, customs, rights & privileges, free from security or mortage (as I the present Notary Public certify) for the sum of one hundred twenty dollars whilch was already paid by a debt of the same amount Mr. de GRIMAREST owed to the Mr. WARD, remaining satisfied & without any claim to the said house & the buildings it comprises, all of which grant & transfer to the said purchaser & whomsoever --- causes & rights may belong, that as his own he possesses, exchange, sell or transfer it at his will by virtue of this writing, in whose favor I grant a real deed of transfer, whereby he may be seen to have acquired his possession, unless it be required to have other proof from which I discharge him, & bind myself for the security, validity & firmness of this sale in every form of right & that is to be. I insert here the clause empowering the justices to cause it to be executed etc. I the said DANIEL WARD being present at the execution of this writing accept of it in my favor, receiving hereby the aforesaid plantation, house & other buildings to it attached in the manner and conformity which it is sold to me, the receipt whereof of my own accord do grant & give in due form. In testimony whereof we date the present in the city of Mobile on the 30th March 1786.

The contracting parties whom I, the Notary Public, certify & know, have acknowledged & signed the present with these witnesses. Mr. CHASTANG Jr, Mr. VALENTINE DUBRUCA & Mr. GOMEZ residents of the town. Present PETER de FAVROT, DANIEL WARD.

Before me, JAMES de la SAUSSAYE Notary Public. This is conformable to the original which was entered into before me, now among the archives of this place, to which I have recourse and at the solicitation of the parties do give the present writing on two sheets paper, no stamp being in use, in the town of Mobile 30 March 1786.

In testimony of the truth
SANTIAGO de la SAUSSAYE, Notary Public

As civil & military Commandant of this place of Mobile, I certify that the preceding sale is a copy conformable to its original which lies in the archives of this Fort & I set herewith my hand on the above day.

PETER FAVIOT

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BARTHOLOMEW LOVET being sworn saith that the lands claimed by the WARDS lying upon Bayou Matthew, No. 86 was inhabited & cultivated by DANIEL WARD for four or five years before his death, & after his death it was inhabited & cultivated by Mr. SOSSIER & D'OLIVE two or three years; and afterwards by Mr. ALEXANDER for two or three years; & that DANIEL WARD died about twenty-three or four years ago that the land has been vacant about fifteen or sixteen years.

To the Commissioner of land claims east of Pearl River
Sir,

Please to take notice that I claim a tract of land of two hundred acres on the east side of the Bay of Mobile & bounded by it westerly & southerly by the brickery tract of TROUILLET now belonging to JOHN FORBES & Co. on all other sides bounded by vacant lands being distant about four leagues S.E. from this place, & claimed by virtue of the accompanying grant from the Spanish Government to me dated the 21st Aug't 1810.

I claim also by virtue of another grant from the same Government dated the first day of August 1810 a lot of ground containing three acres situated behind this town bounded on the south by lands of JOHN FORBES & Co. on the east of Joachin Street & on the other sides by vacant lands.

Mobile 24th June 1813
ISABELLE NARBONNE
A. CAMPBELL

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Entered in the Register of Mobile. HUNTER SEDGAR--, Sec'y.

This is to certify that the within is an authentic copy from the original.

WM. IRVING

(Translated from the French)

I, the undersigned, certify to have sold last year to Mrs. BOK a plantation situated on Tensa Bluff belonging to me by virtue of an adjudication which has been possed for the same the eight of February 1759 ----- from the heirs of the deceased DEMOUY for the sum of five hundred livres which I have received in hand from the said Mrs. BOK, whereby the said plantation of sixty two toises in front she can enjoy as her own property.

Mobile 3rd December 1763
A. ROCHON
ROUJOIN witness

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Children married

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Tarleton, Jr. b. 1828 Rebecca Smart
William b. 1829 Pearson
Sarah Ann b. 1830 Kirkwood
Jeanette b. 1834

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Cornelius (1816-1900) Jennie Goff (1)
Mary Ann Tucker (2), 1844

John Knight (1818-1875) Harriet Hogan

Marcy Ward (1819- { Stringfellow (1)
Tarleton Jr. (1828- James S. Cowart (2)

Rebecca Ward (1822- Rebecca Smart

Tarleton, Sr. and Sarah settled on the last side of Slog River (Escatawpa now) south of the present ICG, RR. He probably lived in the Benndale area and brought with him a large herd of cattle which thrived on the seed cane, which grew along the river and its branches. The place where they lived later became known as "The Ward old Fields" and is located not far above the Howell, MS. community. The family probably operated a ferry on the river at one time and may have been "boat builders as there is a "dead river" lake near there

known today as "boat yard" lake. Tarleton, Sr. and wife Sarah are buried in a family cemetery West of Wilmer, FL. and on "high and dry" land. The cemetery has been well kept by descendants).

Records of Guy Moffett, Shipman

John K. Ward married (in the 20s)
Harriet Hogan, b. 1820

Children

Married

Eleanor or Ellen, (1841-1916)	1st.	Denmark
alfred Ward, b. 1844	2nd.	James J. Davis
John Ward, b. ¹⁸⁴⁴ Alfred Ward , b. 1848	{ died in civil war	
Albert " "	"	{ ran away to Panhandle of Texas - Large Family
Lorenzo Ward, b. 1854		Sucinda Mallett
Wiley McNeal		Sarah Elizabeth Evans
Moses Lewis, b. 1860		Margaret McInnis
Mary J. Ward		William Thompson

John K and Harriet Settled on the
place now owned by James R and Jean
and are buried in unmarked graves
on that place. John K. was well known
as a local Methodist Preacher. He
filled the pulpit at Ward's Chapel Methodist
Church when the "Circuit Rider" pastor
could (from Alabama) couldn't make these
because of "high water" on the Dog
River. Ward's Chapel Church was a
"log-long" log building (Est 1872), located
near the Latonia to Agincourt road
and on land now owned by
Larry and Linda Willcutt

Children of JOHN W. WARD b. 1818
Harriet Hogbin married Sarah Elizabeth Evans
Wiley - Settled in the Moss Point area. He had one daughter named Bertha and another named Mabel. Mabel is said to have been the first Home Economics teacher in Mississippi.
Ellen ^{m(1)} married James J. Davis. They raised a family in Jackson County in the Old Americanus area
^{m(2)} Eleanor Denmark Denmark Ruth Denmark (1814-1916) married James J. Davis. They raised a family in Jackson County in the Old Americanus area

Lorenza married Lizzie Mallett (daughter of George Mallett) They raised a large family in the Northern part of the now Ward community and are buried in a private cemetery on the old home place

Moses married Maggie McGinnis. They settled near Hattiesburg and had a daughter Bertha and son "McGinnis"

Alfred

Albert

* Ellen (Eleanor) m Denmark

They had one daughter ^{Ruth} Eleanor who married Howard Walker (The Walkers had a daughter named Eleanor)

The Cornelius were descendants.

Cornelius first married Jennie Goff. They had a daughter Minerva. Minerva may have married twice and have descendants in Mobile County (Al). Then she married a Pittman and reared a family near Detunetown Springs (Fl).

Next
Cornelius (son of Tarleton) (1816-1900)
married Mary Ann Tucker (1830-1889)

<u>Children</u>	<u>Married</u>
"Neil" Cornelius f. 1854	Janusha Jane Ely
"Knox" John Knox 1856	Amanda Braland
Wesley "Wes"	Dene (Reenie) Ely
Robert	Never married
James T	Leanna Taylor
Addie b. 1859	Lawrence Ford
Julia "aunt Jule" 1859	Never married

Cornelius and Mary Ann are buried in marked graves (on International paper company land) in Escatawpa River flats near Shipyard Lake (Ward's boatyard was near this small lake on the river).

"Neil" (C.F.) and Janusha settled two or three miles south of his father's place, in the edge of the Escatawpa flats near Red Cr. Laura Sue "Dix" (a great granddaughter of Cornelius) and George Young now own the place. The C.F. Ward Cemetery is located on this land.

* Known Ward was Henry Ward's wife, not John.
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Knox and Amanda settled on land⁵ adjoining the Cornelius Ward place now known as the "Pop" West place Knox and one* son are buried in a private cemetery on the place. Amanda after the death of Knox married Leason Cockcroft. They raised four children there and later moved to Pascagoula. "Wes" and "Reenie" settled on land joining Knox on the West side. They and one son and one daughter are buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery (Shipman). The old place now belongs to Edgar Ward (a grand son of "Wes"). Robert died a relatively young man and is buried in a Methodist church cemetery near Mozelle (Jones Co., MS.) Cemetery near the home in James T and Leanna made their home in Waynesboro (MS). They had no children and are buried there. Addie and Lawrence made their home just west of Wilmer (Al) on the old Mobile to Lucedale Road (Now US 98). Their home place is now owned by their son Gordon Ford. Julia never married and is buried in the C. F. Ward Cemetery located on her brother "Neil's" old home place.

* 2 sons, Burke and Randolph

The Ward-Ely Connection
Cornelius Ferdinand "Neil" Ward (1854-1929)
Son of Cornelius (1816-1900)
Married (April 28, 1875)
Jemima Jane Ely (1852-1899) - Daughter of
John Charles Ely

Children

Married

Oscar Nolan (1876-1948)	Never married
Lennie Alma (1877-1958)	Samuel Killcreas
Curtis Calhoun (1879-1948)	Never married
Barnet Avera (1880-1954)	Never married
Joliner Clyde (1883-1957)	Never married
Ollie Evelyn (1885-1977)	Wiley L. Moffett
Robert Rablin (1887-1953)	Cette Boyington
Ellis Fairbanks (1889-1958)	Rowena M. Hunter
Maggie (1891-1897)	Died a child
Minnie (1892-)	J. Lee Denson
Max (1894-1959)	Never married

Oscar and his cousin Arthur Dean entered into a partnership in a turpentine operation but evidently the 1906 Hurricane put them out of business. After living with his sister Lennie and Sam Killcreas for a while, he came back to the "old home place", where he farmed and tended livestock. He is buried in the C.J. Ward Cemetery.

Lennie married Sam Killcreas and they settled near the old Cornelius Ward home. They are both buried in the C.J. Ward Cemetery.

Curtis (C.C.) never married. Early in life he started working in timber cutting. In the beginning he probably worked for his uncle Wes "Ward who (at different times)

set up logging camps-one near Savannah Branch which is now near Hiway U.S. 98,-the other was near the "High Bridge" on Brushy Creek, Mr Bud Howard lives on the site now. Later he followed his uncle "Jim" (James J. Ward) to Wayne County where they both were employed by the Robinson Sand and Lumber Company. He became a logging superintendent (this was a large operation near Chicora). He lived in company housing. Later he went to Florida with the Patterson Lumber Company, where they had a timber operation at Gulf Hammock. There he lived in a boarding house and was well liked by everyone who knew him. It is said that an old logging road locomotive was set up alongside the Hiway there as a memorial to him. He is buried in the C. F. Ward Cemetery.

Barnett never married, in his younger days he worked with others doing carpentry work and brick masonry. After his brother Clyde became an invalid he came home to take care of him. Barnett did the cooking and ran the house. While Oscar ran the farm. Their father "Neil" lived there until his death in 1929. He gave Clyde the very best of

Care (probably) 41 years. Clyde outlined Barnett by about 3 years.

Clyde never married. He was still living at home and working with a construction crew, building a steel bridge across the Escatawpa (Dog) River, at Howell's Ferry, when he fell from the structure to the bottom of the river, injuring his spine. This caused him to be paralyzed from his waist down for the balance of his life. He could be propped up (with a back rest) in a sitting position but had to be raised and lowered by Barnett. His brother-in-law Sam Killcreas (who was a first class carpenter) constructed for him a special bed (^{right} height and width, etc) so that Barnett could handle him easily. Sam also constructed the adjustable back-rest and lecture type lap-rest. This enabled him to sit up to read or talk to visitors while Barnett attended to things in the kitchen and elsewhere about the place. Clyde had many visitors especially on Sunday afternoons. He had the north end of the long front porch screened-in. This was where he spent the summer months - moving out just after Easter Sunday and back into his main room about Camp-meeting time (Salem). After a rural school became a Smith-Hughes High School with a full-time ag. teacher and some ec. teacher and since practically all of the teachers were from

out-of-county, many of them habitually visited there - drinking coffee, talking and laughing, etc. Also since, at times, there were as many as four bachelors ^{at a time, it became known as} "Batchelor's Hall"

Ollie married Wiley L. Moffett (7-25-06). They lived (first) in Bacon Lumber Company housing, which was on 16th section land, south of Creek and Railroad in Shipman. (This was the year of the very destructive "September Storm", the 1906 Hurricane which uprooted and otherwise destroyed most of the Virgin, long-leaf Pine timber in the area). Their first child Oscar Burton was born here. By 1909 Ollie and Wiley were living in a new home, built with the help of Wiley's cousin Jim Moody. This home was built on land which was a part of the Eli J. Moffett homestead in Section 10, T2S, R5W. (Then Jackson, Co., MS) They reared a fairly large family here and are buried in the Rocky Creek Cemetery.

Rauulin worked in the timber as a young man. He later was able to obtain an education (attended "Ole Miss"; did his internship at Touro Infirmary, N.O., La, after attending med school at Tulane University. He served in the NAVY medical corps during World War I (overseas). After WWI he became a practicing physician in Bogalusa, La. where he married

Maggie lived only six years and is buried in the C. F. Ward cemetery.

Mamie married J. Lee Denson, one of the earlier school principals of the young County of George. Lee served as principal at Rocky Creek and Lucedale, also in other counties of MS. In about the year 1925 he became the superintendent of the then Harrison Stone AHS. In 1926 the A.H.S. added junior college work. The Densons lived in the president's home, their children attended the local schools in Perkinston and also the A.H.S., Mr Denson soon after left the education profession and became a district representative of a large insurance company. After living in Meridian for a number of years they moved to Jackson where they built a home and finished raising their family (and giving them an education).

Max never married: His mother died when he was five and his older sister Lennie who was still living at home was largely responsible for his "coming and going". So he grew up in a household among several older brothers and sisters and his father.

Early in life Max became interested in playing the fiddle and in time became a real old-time fiddler. Later in life he was referred to as "the fiddler" and most everybody ~~to~~ knew him as "phidd Ward". When WWI came along he was old enough for service. He entered the army but did not get beyond the training camps when the Armistice was signed and he was discharged. Between the two World Wars he work at different jobs in different places - Gulfport, Beaumont, Texas, etc. During WWII, he worked in the ship yard at Mobile and afterward came back to the "Old Home Place" where he helped Barnett take care of Clyde. Not many years passed however until Oscar, Barnett and Clyde had passed on and ^{He} lived alone for two years more. He is buried in the C.F. Ward Cemetery.

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Joseph Ott

Joseph Ott, son of Peter W. and Mary E. Webb Ott, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana ca 1855. The 1860 Federal Census of Harrison County places the family in Biloxi. Joseph had two marriages, first to Matilda F. Toledana ca 1877; second to Anna Jaylonski in 1894. Joseph died on April 14, 1932 and is buried in the Biloxi Cemetery.

Issue from both marriages include: 1. Peter C. Ott. 2. Mary Alice. 3. John F. 4. Clara. 5. Laura. 6. Daniel R. 7. Charles. *No probate*

1. Peter C. Ott (1879-1940.) Peter m. Annie J. Bell in 1907. Issue: a. Althea.

No probate
a. Althea (1908-1953) m. C. Freeman; Issue: 0. ~ *No probate*

2. Mary Alice (1880-1953.) Mary Alice m. W. Jones in 1930. Issue: 0. *No probate*

No probate
3. John Frederick (1882-1927.) John F. m. Clara Ryan in 1895. Issue: a. Lawrence W. b. Mathilda. c. Albert J.

No probate
on file
a.. Lawrence W. Ott (1901-1988) died in Fort Myers, Florida. Only child of Lawrence: Shirley (1928-1997) m. Cox. Shirley died in Opelika, Alabama. Her obituary lists her children as Donalee m. Lasseter and Mixti (may be misprint, likely Misti) Dawn.

Contact: Donalee Lasseter, 905 Belle Meade Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL, 35406.

Telephone: 205-752-8206.

M. Cox, Nutasulga, AL, 36866.
Telephone: 334-257-1242.

b. Mathilda Ott (1926-1992) m. Webb. Matilda died in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The children of Matilda: Bent Webb Jr., Edward J., Jerry W., Sharon J. Sharon Cole, *Sondra Cole*, *Sharon Cole* and *Sondra Cole*. *Janet Webb* *granddaughter*

Bent Jr. died in 2006. One Janet Webb, presumed to be his widow or daughter is at the time of this report is living at his last place of residence.

Contact: Janet Webb, 2625 N. 10th St., Ocean Springs, MS, 39564.
Telephone: 228-872-0858.

Edward J. Webb died in 2008. Research failed to find issue, however contact with siblings may prove otherwise.

E. Carroll
Jerry W. Webb. Research failed to find information. His last known residence in 1992 was in Oxford, MA. Contact with siblings may shed light on his whereabouts.

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... over sea drawing. By the 1980's however foreign competition and government regulations, forced most nily members to phase out their shrimping interests. Presently, v family members make their living from the water.

The descendants of Samuel Wallace constitute the vast majority of Wallace family members in the Lagoon community currently. Of Samuel's 11 children, 7 still live in the community, along with 9 of grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Henrietta Wallace Nelson is the only Wallace in the community who is not a descendant of Uncle Sam".

The Lagoon community has always been a family community. Children are within sight of grandmothers, aunts, cousins and other related family. The family enjoys getting together several times a year for food, games and fellowship. The highlight of these gatherings, on July 4 each year, is when between 150 and 200 relatives from Baldwin County and beyond gather on William Star Wallace's "Wallace Heirs" property to celebrate God, country and family. Submitted by: W.H. "Buddy" Wallace and W. Clayton Wallace, 70 Wallace Circle, Gulf Shores, AL 36542 References: Wallace land abstracts, *The Gilgoes of Portsmouth Island and Related Families* by James Edward White, III, and interviews with our natives.

Mose Pinkney Wallace and Rosie Elizabeth Criswell Wallace

Mose Pinkney Wallace was born March 14, 1886 near Daphne, Baldwin Co. Alabama. He married Rosie Elizabeth Criswell, she was born Jan. 9, 1888, died Oct. 10, 1962. Rose was the daughter of Elsie Jane Busbee and Thomas Criswell. Mose's mother was Ella Jane Murphy Wallace, (called Dault) daughter of George and Mary Murphy and Mary Jane Hamilton. His father was Harry Wallace. The way the story goes Harry went back to sea and never returned to Baldwin Co. No one knew what happened to him. Bella Jane's father, George William Murphy came from Carrollton, was in the Confederate War, got wounded and got out in 1865. He came to Baldwin County and married Mary Jane Hamilton. Rose and Rosie had 7 children, all born in Baldwin County, Alabama: Ruby M. born Sept. 22, 1906; Mary Jane Elizabeth born Jan. 23, 1908; David Elmore Quincey born April 28, 1911; Bertha Lucille born Jan. 3, 1913; Flora Estell born Sept. 16, 1917 (my grandmother); Louise born June 1, 1919; Georgia Idell born Dec. 17, 1924. Rose said the way he met Rose was that he worked at a lumber mill in Escambia Co. Florida and rode by her house one day and was out in the yard and he could tell she was a pretty girl. He was on home and cleaned up and went by her house again and used himself. She had on a red gathered skirt and white blouse. Mose was about 18. He did not want to marry just then but he loved her. He came back to Baldwin County to try and forget her. He finally decided he could not do without her so he wrote to her he still loved her and wanted to marry her.

"Why ask for her hand was in a conversation to her dad, Criswell, me and Rose has decided to get married. What you say about it?" Rose's dad replied, "Well, I don't. If I had any objections, in fact want do no good. She will soon be 18." They were married Nov. 16, 1905. Mose got a job sawing logs in Escambia Co. Florida until Dec. 23, 1905. He and me back to Gateswood, Alabama by train.

added, "She was a wonderful wife and person, no mistakes, tassy or naggy." They were married almost 57 years before her death. Both are buried in Hinote Cemetery, Styx River Community.

Submitted by: James Curtis Rider, 911 Colbert Ave., Pensacola, FL 32507

Mose Pinkney Wallace and Rosie Elizabeth Criswell

Married 57 Years.

Pinkney Wallace born March 14, 1886 in Baldwin Co. and Elizabeth Criswell born Jan. 9, 1888 in Escambia Co. Florida. They were married November 16, 1905 and he brought her to Baldwin Co., Al by train.

Submitted by: Mary Jane Elizabeth born Jan. 23, 1909; David Elmore Quincey born April 28, 1911; Bertha Lucille born Oct. 6, 1913; Flora Estell born Sept. 16, 1917 (my grandmother); Maggie Louise born June 1, 1919; Georgia Idell born Dec. 17, 1924. Submitted by: Robin Eugene Rider, 66 Silcox Road, Ashford, AL 36312

The John Ward, Jr. Family

John "Jack" Ward, Jr. was born in Virginia according to a baptismal record found in the Catholic Archives in Mobile on Nancy Ana Ward. I believe his parents were John Ward, Sr. and Judith Childress, daughter of John Childress of Virginia. John Childress left a Will naming John Ward, Sr. and Judith Childress.

John Ward, Jr. and three of his brothers drove cattle to market from South Carolina to Pensacola, Mobile, and New Orleans. On one of these treks they stopped on the Alabama-Georgia border to corral their cattle. John met an Indian maiden, Nancy Elizabeth Knight, daughter of Jackson Knight, the blacksmith for the Creek Indians. Now the mystery starts. Who was Nancy? I believe she was the step-daughter of Jackson Night. Who was Nancy's parents? I believe she was a full blood Creek Indian and that her mother was a full blood Indian. We need a lot of proof on Nancy's parents. Her mother could have been Polly Colbert, daughter of Chief Colbert of the Chicksaw Indians and her first husband, Willian Moniac. I have heard her Indian name was Nahoga or No-Hem. I am hoping this mystery will be solved one day. Can you help solve it?

Later, as the story goes, John Ward, Jr. goes back to the corral area and marries Nancy about 1775-1777. They later lived in Bon Secour Area. There is a certain deed on the Ward property that proves some of the children but I think there were a lot more children.

I believe Nancy and John had at least 17 children. They are: 1. *Elijah Ward b 1779 North Carolina (Census Record), d 1862, Walton County, Florida = 4 Apr 1816, Clark County, Alabama, Sarah "Sally" Ann Cochran, daughter of Rev. William Cochran, American Revolution Soldier at Valley Forge, and Sarah "Sally" Edmundson. 2. (1881) Jackson Ward. 3. (1883) Susan Ward. 4. (1885) Elizabeth "Eliza" Ward d 1847 in childbirth, = William Childress of Mississippi. 5. (1887) Peggy Ward. 6. *John R. Ward IV b 7 Nov 1789 settled in Jackson County, Mississippi Territory; d 28 Sept 1876; bur Shell Banks Baptist Church Cemetery, Shell Banks, Baldwin County, Alabama; = 1st Sarah Ann Atkinson; = 2nd Nancy. 7. Tolbert Ward b 1792, twin to Tarleton, went to Texas. 8. * Tarleton Solomon Ward b 1792, twin to Tolbert, = 1815 Sarah "Sally" Childress. 9. (1793) Nathan Ward. 10. *Moses M. Ward b 1795, South Carolina; d in Silsbee, Texas; = Hannah Davis. 11. *James Benjamin Ward b 1796; d before 1880; = Mary Elizabeth English, full blood Creek Indian maiden. 12. *Patrick Ward b 1797, = Mary Elizabeth b in Georgia. 13. *Henry Ward b 1798, = 2nd Emmeline Bond. 14. (1799) Daniel Ward. 15. (1801) William Ward. 16. *Nancy Ann Ward b 1803 Tallasseee (Indian Village near Montgomery,) Florida Territory (Alabama today.) d 1878 in Baldwin County, bur Miller Memorial, Baldwin County, Alabama, = Bartholomew Gordon Childress. 17. Dorack Ward b 1804 died as a small boy.

These children are not listed in order of birth. (date) means when a child was possible born. b date means when that person was born. * means that they were listed on deed as brothers and sisters. I believe the children that were not listed on the deed were dead by that time.

All of the Childresses were brothers and sisters; children of William Childress of Virginia. William Childress of Virginia was a 1st cousin to John Ward, Jr. The list of names were found in the Mobile Genealogy Library by my Aunt, Hilda Gulili Callaway Dietz when she was researching the Ward Family. I do not know her source other than the Library. Submitted by: William Dodd, 4595 Hawthorne Place, Mobile, AL 36608 and Written by: Betty Callaway Perkins, 222 Hickory Ridge, Belleville, IL 62223

The Life and Times of Emanuel Wesley Waters

Emanuel Wesley Waters was known to most people as Mannie or Uncle Mannie, but known to me as papa - and papa he was. He was born in the Clear Springs, Al. community at a home known as the Kelly place in the year of 1872. He lived there until he was about five years old. Then the family moved to Gateswood, Al. where he lived the balance of his life, not having spent many nights off the top of that hill.

From The Heritage of Baldwin Co. - Alabama

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had purchased from the Brothers Baptist & Joseph Micafie, as appears by the sale made by the Notary Public of this District on the 14th October 1784, of the said plantation of 4 arpents front, situated on Fowl River distant six leagues from this place, upon which is built a House 25 feet broad, 8 1/2 wide besides an addition newly constructed to said House, properly roofed fenced in around, & ditched up, for the use of the Country, with doors, windows iron work, locks & keys therunto belonging, besides a Kitchen 16 feet wide by 8 deep, a hen House & oven, every one to itself, adjoining said house, ranges for cattle, inclosures of corn field, divided from the plantation of Mr. Orbanne, situated in a Marshy place whose circumference is fenced in by good stakes placed horizontally, now sold to the aforesaid Mr. Daniel Ward, with all its entrances & outlets, uses, customs rights & privileges, free from security or mortgage (as I the present Notary certify) for the sum of One hundred twenty Dollars, which was already paid by a Debt of the same amount, to be foremost owed to the Mr. Ward, remaining satisfied & without any claim to the said House, & the Buildings it comprises, all of which I grant & transfer to the said Purchaser & to whom ever no cause & right may belong, that as his own he keeps, exchange, sell or transfer it at his will by virtue of this writing, in whose favor I grant a real deed of transfer, whereby he may be seen to have acquired his possession, unless it be required to have other proof from which I discharge him, & myself for the security validity & formality of this sale in every form of right & that is to be, I hereby give the clause enjoining the notaries to cause it to be executed &c. I the aforesaid Daniel Ward being desirous at the execution of this writing accept of it in my favor receiving, here by the aforesaid Plantation house & land.

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D. Ward
Daniel Ward

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As civil and military commandant of this place of Mobile,
I certify that the preceding sale is a copy conformable to the
original which lies in the archives of this Fort & I set my name
my hand on the above day. -

Peter Favrot.

B.
B. 291. Louis O'Oliver being sworn saith that the first tract of
land claimed by B. D. Ward lying on Fish River, & being No 84
was inhabited and cultivated by Daniel Ward a number of years
before his death which was about fifteen or sixteen years ago: & that after
the death of Daniel Ward it was inhabited and cultivated by
persons claiming under the will & by purchases from the devisees,
& it is now thus inhabited & it is now thus inhabited & cultivated
& that the tract claimed by the said Wards lying upon Fowl river
was inhabited & cultivated by Daniel Ward from the year
eighty three until his death, & that it was inhabited & cultivated
one or two years after his death by Madam Fernet.

Bartholomew Lorit being sworn saith that the lands
claimed by the Wards lying upon Bayou Matthew, No 86 was
inhabited & cultivated by Daniel Ward for four or five years before
his death, & after his death it was inhabited & cultivated by
Mr. Sosner for two or three years, and afterwards by
Mr. Alexander for two or three years; & that Daniel Ward died
about twenty three or four years ago: that the land has been
vacant about fifteen or sixteen years.

No more than twenty-one or two years ago that the land has been
vacant about fifteen or sixteen years.

To the Commissioner of Land Claims East of Pearl River
Sir

B
mm
41.

Please to take notice that I claim a Tract of
Land of two hundred acres on the East side of the Bay of
Mobile & bounded by N. Westerly & southerly by the boundary
tract of Trouillet now belonging John Forbes & Co in all other
sides bounded by vacant lands being distant about four leagues
S.E. from this place & claimed by virtue of the accompanying
grant from the Spanish Government to me dated the
21st Aug^t 1815.

I claim also by virtue of another grant from the same
Government dated the first day of August 1810 a lot of ground
containing three acres situated behind this town bounded
on the south by lands of John Forbes & Co on the east of
Pachin Street & on the other sides by vacant lands.

Mobile 24th June 1813

Isabelle Marbonne
et Cambell.

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I have ready for the security & safety & summons of this sale in every form of right & that is to be, I insert here the clause empowering the parties to cause it to be executed &c. I the said Daniel Ward being witness at the execution of this writing accept of it in my favor receiving hereby the aforesaid Plantation house & other buildings to be attached in the manner and manner which it is sold to me the tenth day of my own accord I do grant & say in due form In Testimony whereof we date the present in the City of Mobile on the 30th March 1786.

The contracting parties whom I the Notary Public, certify & know have acknowledged & signed the present with their witnesses - Mr. Blaeding Junior - Mr. Valentine Dubroca & Mr. Gomez residents of this town - Present Peter de Farol - Daniel Ward -

Before me James de la Saupaye - Notary Public -

This is conformable to the original, which was entered into before me, now among the archives of this place, to which I have recourse and at the solicitation of the parties do give the present writing on two sheets paper no stamp being in use in the town of Mobile 30 March 1786.

In Testimony of the Truth

Santiago de la Saupaye
Notary Public -

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To his Excellency the Governor General.

Gerald Byrns, an inhabitant of Tensaw River, with the most profound respect presents himself to your Excellency and says; that in consequence of the running of the line dividing the Territories of the United States from those of his Catholic Majesty, your petitioner is desirous of removing to the River Pascagoula, and for the purpose of enabling him to make a settlement at that place, your petitioner very respectfully entreats your Excellency to grant him, a tract of vacant land on the said River suitable for a place of residence, and for raising Cattle. Wherefore, may it please your Excellency to order the necessary titles to be issued from the Secretary's office of this Government for the objects indicated. Mobile Twelfth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

(Signed) Gerald Byrns.

To his Excellency the Governor General of these Provinces

The petitioner is an old inhabitant who resides on Tensaw River, and one of the first who settled thereon under the Dominion of Spain, and he is the same person mentioned in the Memorial submitted to your Excellency in my official letter marked Number ninety five; the petitioner is a diligent cultivator, and an excellent carpenter by trade, and he is desirous to abandon his Plantation of Tensaw, as his wishes are not to remain under the dominion of the United States, but, I cannot say whether the land prayed for on Pascagoula River is vacant or not, and whether it constitutes a part of the Royal Domain, and if your Excellency should deem proper to grant the said tract of land to the petitioner, then and in that case, it shall be done without causing injury to a third person. However, your Excellency is at liberty to decide as may judge most convenient. Mobile Twelfth day of November. one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

(Signed) Manuel de Lemos.

New Orleans Nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

The prayer of the above petitioner is hereby granted.
(Signed) Gayoso. (SEAL)

Whereas it appears that his Excellency the Governor General of this Province, has not specified the number of arpens of land in front, and in depth, which the said Gerald Byrns is to have at Pascagoula River where he proposes to reside; now therefore, the Commandant of Mobile does assign to the petitioner the usual quantity of land allotted to all new settlers, on the conditions stipulated and specified by his Excellency the Governor General of this Province in such cases. Mobile Twelfth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

(Signed) Manuel de Lemos. (SEAL)

Mobile third day of March, (229 ends)
one thousand eight hundred and three.

The Special survey of this Town Joseph Collins, is hereby directed to survey and measure for, and in favor of Gerald Byrns, one thousand and six hundred superficial arpens of land at the jurisdiction of Pascagoula, that is to say; Eight hundred arpens thereof for the purpose to make a cowpen, and eight hundred arpens for cultivation situated on Bayou Ward, and about two miles and a half South of the Old French Sawmill including therein Ward's Bluff; in front of which, the said Surveyor shall measure eight hundred arpens for the purpose of cultivation as far as to the River Pascagoula and the remaining eight hundred arpens for a Cowpen at the Bluff called Ward; in conformity to a grant made to the said Gerald Byrns by his Excellency the Governor General, Manuel Gayoso de Lemos; provided the same is vacant, and without causing injury to a third person. (Signed) Joaquin de Osorno (SEAL)

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To his Excellency Stephen Mire Colonel of the Royal Armies Political and Military Governor of the City and Province of Louisiana &c.

Daniel Ward an Inhabitant of the Jurisdiction of Mobile with the most profound respect represents to your Excellency and says: that there is situated on Tombagbe River, a tract of land containing fifty arpens, which formerly belonged to James McIntosh now deceased, and which was abandoned in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and has not until the present time been claimed by the proprietor or by any agent in his behalf, bounded on the North side by vacant land, and on the South by lands known by the name of Sunflowers. In virtue of which, he appeals to the generosity of your Excellency to grant him the said tract of land, with the usual depth, and humbly prays you will order the necessary titles to be issued in favour of your petitioner from the Secretary's office of this Government. Wherefore, he humbly prays your Excellency to grant him the prayer of this his petition, to which he will receive grateful thanks. Mobile this Twelfth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. (Signed)

Daniel Ward.

I Vincent Folch Captain of the Regiment of Louisiana Infantry, Political and Military Governor of the Town of Mobile and its Districts: Do hereby certify that the tract of land prayed for by the petitioner is vacant according to information received to that effect from several inhabitants who have knowledge of the same. Mobile date as above written.

(Signed) Vinzent Folch

New Orleans Twenty second of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

The surveyor General of this Province will put the petitioner in possession of twenty five arpens of land in front with the usual depth of forty (instead of the fifty which he solicits) at the spot designated in the preceding memorial, the same being vacant and without causing injury to a third person, under the express conditions that he will make the customary road and clear sufficient ground within the precise term of one year, and that this grant shall be void, if at the expiration of the exact period of three years, the said land should not be occupied and cultivated, during which time he shall not sell or in any other way alienate the same. In consequence of which, let the Surveyor measured the said tract of land, the proceedings of which shall (67 ends) be made out in continuation herewith and submitted to me, in order to provide the petitioner with the corresponding title in due form.

(Signed) Stephen Miro (SEAL)

To his Excellency Stephen Miro Colonel of the Royal Armies, Political and Military Governor of the City and Province of Louisiana &c &c &c.

Lewis Duret an inhabitant of this jurisdiction with the most profound respect represents to your Excellency and says; that he is the owner of a sufficient number of slaves to commence the cultivation of Tobacco; and not possessing any lands suitable for that purpose; he appeals to the well known goodness of your Excellency, and humbly prays, that you

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in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

(Signed) Ambroise Gaines

We the undersigned inhabitants; do hereby certify that the land situated on Bayou Ward which empties into the River of Pascagoula, is vacant, and does not belong to any person; (232 ends) we have therefore given this certificate, hoping that the same may prove useful to the petitioner Ambroise Gaines. Pascagoula November nineth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

(Signed) Charles Ellier - (Signed) Peter Krebs - (Signed)
Francis Krebs - (Signed) James Nadeau - Francis
Colin his mark X for the son of Mr. Ellier -
(Signed) James Nadeau

To his Excellency the Governor General of these Provinces.

It is not in my power to furnish your Excellency with any other information, either in favor or against the petitioner, except that which is contained in the above certificate of some of the inhabitants of Pascagoula, but as your Excellency thought proper to order him to leave the Capital, he proceeded immediately to Pascagoula, at which place he has continued to reside, having engaged in the cultivation of the sail, and inasmuch as the petitioner is an American of a quiet and peaceable character, it would appear that no injury would be sustained by a grant to him of the land for which he solicits a title. Mobile eleventh day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

(Signed) Manuel de Lausos

New Orleans third of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

The Surveyor General of this Province or his deputy duly authorized by him, will put the petitioner in possession of five hundred superficial arpens of land at the spot designated in the preceding memorial; provided the same be vacant and without causing injury to any of the adjacent neighbors, under the express condition to make the customary road and clear sufficient ground thereon, within the term of one year, and further, that this grant shall be void, if at the expiration of the exact period of three years, the said land should not be actually occupied and cultivated, during which term the petitioner shall not sell or in any other way alienate the said land. In consequence of which, let the proceedings of the survey for the land granted be put in continuation herewith, which shall be transmitted to me, in order to provide the petitioner with the competent title in due form of law.

(Signed) Manuel Gayoso de Lemon (SEAL)

To his Excellency the Governor General of these Provinces

Cornelius McCurtin Lieutenant of the Militia Company of the Town of Pensacola, but at this time in the town of Mobile, in the most respectful manner makes known to your Excellency; that some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, he purchased of a certain man, named Edward Lucas, in the District of Saint Stephens; a tract of land containing twelve arpens in front by the usual depth of forty arpens, bounded on the North by lands belonging to John Arnot, and on the South by lands at that time (233 ends) appertaining to John Stilley; your petitioner further states, that he purchased the said tract of land for the sum of fifty dollars, the purchase of which was executed by the consent of Captain Joseph Deville, Degoutin, who was at that time the Commandant; all which will more fully appear by reference to the documents accompanying this memorial; and not finding among the archives of this Government any written evidence or document of a grant made to the said Edward Lucas, because in fact it appears, that at the time the Government in its great goodness permitted persons to settle on vacant land without any other act than that the petitioner should solicit a legal grant; in consideration thereof, your

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To his Excellency the Governor General.

Widow Rochon, an inhabitant of this Jurisdiction, with the greatest respect represents to your Excellency and says: that there is a tract of land situated on Tombagbe River containing thirty arpens on front with the usual depth, which has not heretofore been claimed by any person, bounded on the North by a tract of land owned by Augustine Rochon, and on the South by lands which formerly belonged to Daniel Ward. And inasmuch as your petitioner has a sufficient force to cultivate the said land, she humbly prays your Excellency, you will be pleased to order the necessary titles to the said tract of land to be issued in her favour from the Secretary's office of this Government. A favor which she hopes to receive from your well known equity. Mobile thirty first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

(Signed) Widow Rochon

To his Excellency the Governor General.

By the informations which I have acquired of various inhabitants of this jurisdiction, it is evident that the land prayed for by the petitioner is vacant, and therefore a title to the same may be issued in her favor, if it should be of your Excellency's will and pleasure. Mobile twentieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

(Signed) Peter Olivier

New Orleans March nineth one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

The Surveyor General of this Province or his deputy duly appointed by him, will put the petitioner in possession of the tract of land prayed for by the petitioner, containing ten arpens in front, out of the thirty arpens for which she solicits a grant, with the usual depth of forty, at the spot designated in the preceding memorial, provided that the same is vacant and without causing injury to a third person; under the express conditions, that he shall make the customary road and clear sufficient ground thereon within the term of one year and that this grant shall be void, if at the expiration of the exact period of three years, the said land should not be actually occupied and cultivated, during which time he shall not sell, or in (141 ends) any other way alienate the said land. In consequence of which, let the proceedings of the survey of the said tract of land be made out in continuation herewith by the said surveyor, to be transmitted to me in order to provide the petitioner with the corresponding titles in due form.

(Signed) El Baron de Carondelet (SEAL)

The foregoing is a true copy from the original which remains deposited among the archives of this Government and now under my charge to which I certify; and at the request of the petitioner, I grant this copy duly authenticated at the town of Mobile on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. (Signed) Peter Olivier (SEAL)

For value received, I do assign, transfer, and set over all my right, title, claim and demand in and to the said tract of land above described, unto Joseph Campbell, and by these presents do warrant and defend the said title against all lawful claims, or demands, whosoever. Given under my hand this seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and one.

(Signed) Widow Rochon (SEAL)
Augustine Rochon (SEAL)

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Benjamin & Daniel Ward.

28/9/1771 Thos. Ongston sold Benjamin Ward a mulatto, Louis, for £95 [COS/613:62]

31/12/1772 Pierre & John Rochon transfer to Benjamin & Daniel Ward 3 blacks -

Jean Gashi, Gorjan & Dianne as security for a payment of £113.17.9½

by 11/6/1773. If they do not pay the slaves are to be sold at Vicksburg. After deduction of the debt + interest + sale charges, any money left over to go to the Rochons [Ibid f. 154] Then did not pay on time [COS/612:352], so the slaves were sold. [COS/612:352] Both B & D Ward described as Mobile merchants in this document. On 20/7/1772 Bernard Romans borrowed

£53.8.0 for 2 months from B & D Ward [COS/613:146] Daniel Ward

was the distribution agent for the South Carolina Gazette in Pensacola

[South Carolina Gazette 25/8/64]

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Kna Ward. Hoy dia veinte y dos del mes de febrero del año
de mil ochocientos y diez, Yo D^r. Juan Francisco Yangco
Knight cura Paxroco della Iglesia de la Concepcion
de la Nobila Bautizo solemnemente y puse los viatos
a una niña q^e nacio el dia quatro de enero de l^o año
de mil ochocientos y tres, hija legítima de Juan
Ward natural de Virginia y de Elizabeth Knight
natural de la Carolina del norte ambos en los estados
unidos y vecindados sobre el Rio de Bonsecours en
esta Paxroquia, y le puse por nombre Kna. Francis
sus padres D^r. Cornelio C. Cratini y D^a. Eufrosina
Bordages su esposa a quienes advertei el Paxentesco Espiritu
tual, q^e p^r q^e conste. Yo Juan Francisco Knight

February 1807

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Aña Ward. Hoy dia veinte y dos del mes de febrero del año
mil ochocientos y trece, yo D. Juan Francisco Vangeli
Knight Curia Sacrazooco dela Iglesia de Ntra. Sra. de la Concepcion
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unidos y vecindados sobre el Rio de Bonsecours en
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On Juves dia Vintidiseis de Noviembre al
Ano Do mil Seiscientos Noventa y Cinco Yo el
Constantino Cura Parroco de la Iglesia de mis
Vecinos de la Concepcion de los Maristas Bautizare
que hoy a un nino hijo de Juan Ward y Elizabetta
de americanos habitantes o Rio Pisco y
que nacio en el dia treinta y seis
abril de este año fueron sus padres Juan Ward
y Madre Agneta aquella adorante el Corin de
espiritual y sacerdotal lo que es suyo

Constantino Ward

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No: 249 In the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & hundred & thirty seven, & on the second day of
October 1837, October, of the undersigned vicar general of the
D. D. Bishop of Mobile, certify that I have
performed the funeral ceremonies of the deceased
over the body of Patrick Ward, who passed this
life yesterday, being twenty eight years old. In faith
whereof I have signed -

M. A. L.

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OF THE LATE

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That James Ward has, under the provisions of an Act of the
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of an act to provide for ascertaining
the Debt of the late Republic of Texas," approved February 7, 1858, filed with the ATTORNEY and COMPTROLLER

a claim for damages in Capt. Charles Company for
1600 Dollars, in favor of the State of Texas,

according to Dr. Wm. J. Gandy, Auditor of the State of Texas, which is sufficiently authorized to authorize the auditing of the same under the laws of the late Republic
of Texas. The said Claim, according to the data before us, is worth One hundred and six
Dollars, in Par Funds, as having been at that rate so available to the
Government.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our Hands and affixed our Seals of Office,
at Austin, this Seventeenth day of January 1854.

James Ward
Comptroller.

W. M. Winkler
Auditor.

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State of Mississippi
Lowe County

Know all men by these presents
that we David Ward and Samuel Ward the brothers and
only heirs at law of James Ward deceased who was
a member of the expedition from Texas to Santa Fe in
Mexico for democratic cause thence returning have
nominated and appointed and by these presents do
nominate and appoint Edward H. Dixon our true and
counsel Attorney and Attorney in fact for us and
in our names to demand and receive from the
proper officers of the Government of the State
of Texas in any of its departments the amount
of money, pay and property of every kind due to
us as the only heirs at law of our deceased brother
James Ward for his services in the said expedition
and with full power to give releases therefor and
to substitute one or more Attorneys under this power
of Attorney and to clothe said substitute with all powers
herein granted to our said Attorney the said substitute
accounting unto our said Attorney and he unto us,
and hereby ratifying all and all acts of our said
Attorney in the premises.

Done under our hands and
seals for seals on this 5th day of March A.D. 1860.

Attest:

Chas. Lowe
Notary

David Ward *(Signature)*
Sam Ward *(Signature)*

State of Mississippi
Lowe County

On this day before me, W.H. Ward
Judge of the Probate Court within and
for the County and State aforesaid personally came
and appeared David Ward and Samuel Ward who are

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WILL OF

JOHN WARD

16-D. }
16-27. } By the permission of Almighty God, I this twenty-
6th day of May 1816, made Publish & declare my last will
& testament as follows. First I order & direct all my Legal
debts to be fully Paid & satisfied, I say emphatically my
legal debts, as during my life many stale & unjust claims
were founded on ancient receipts for Bonds ledgered with me
for recovery & have been prefered against me, and induced
a degree of trouble & research which my representatives
are not qualified to undertake, my Books & Paper's evidence
all my transactions in life & by them the amount of my
legal debts will be justly ascertained. I bequeath to my
Nephew Joshua Ward Mathews in lieu of all claims the sum
of Fifteen hundred dollars to be Paid to him in the event of
his Marriage or arrival at age. I bequeath to Mrs. Ann
Millard an Annuity of two hundred dollars a year during
her Natural life. I give to the Children of my Brother
James equally to be divided between them, the debt due to
me by their father. I also bequeath to his Son John Five
hundred dollars. I bequeath to John Ward Motte Five Hundred
dollars. I bequeath to my other Nephews & Neices not herein
before named say to each of them one hundred dollars to be
collected from & Paid to them out of the debt due to me
on the Purchase of my Sister Amelia Simmons Negroes and
the Ballance after such Payments I bequeath to be equally
divided among her Children. I give devise & bequeath to
my Sister Mary Motte, my share in my father House, to her
for Life & afterwards to her Children Share & Share alike
as tenants in common to them their Heirs and Assigns for
ever. The rest residue & remainder of my estate I give
devise & bequeath equally share & share alike to my Daugh-
ters Mary & Sarah as Tenants in common & not as joint
Tenants to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever enjoying
them in case of the Marriage of one or both of them, to

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in care to secure by Marriage settlement a Majority of their property so that the same may not be answerable for their husbands debts & entreat whoever may possess my Land on John's Island, not to sell the same but on some emergent occasion, from the respect due to the Memory of their beloved Mother & their honoured grand father but should my daughters die under age & unmarried. I then revoke all the preceding devises & bequests & order my whole Estate to be divided & applied as follows first the whole to be sold except Old Glasco who I direct my Executors to manumit & also Pay to him five Hundred Dollars. The residue thus to be appropriated Two thousand Dollars I bequeath to my Nephew Joshua Ward Mathewes my Claim on Mrs Simmons Negroes I bequeath to her for her sole use and also bequeath to her three Children Two thousand Dollars each. The debt due by my Brother I bequeath to him, to be used by him for the support & Benefit of his family, and to each of his Children except John I bequeath Two thousand Dollars, & to my Nephew John Five Thousand Dollars To my Sister Motte I bequeath three thousand Dollars & to each of her Children except John I bequeath Two Thousand Dollars and to John I bequeath five thousand Dollars. I give to my Sister Ann three thousand Dollars, to my Sister Sarah Three thousand Dollars, to my beloved Mother Five thousand Dollars. I bequeath to Mrs. Maillard Two Thousand Dollars, to Campell Mills Two Thousand Dollars, to John Ward Mc Call Two thousand Dollars, to the eldest Son of Hext McCall one thousand Dollars & the same Sum to each of his Sisters, I give to Mrs. Holmes Daughter of Mrs. Atkinson One thousand Dollars & to Mrs. Atkinson five Hundred Dollars, to the Unmarried Daughter of the late Col. W.W. Burrows I bequeath One thousand Dollars to Beckman McCall I bequeath five hundred Dollars, & the same sum to John the Son of Mr. John Hodges the rest & residue of my Estate I give devise and bequeath as follows one half of it to be equally divided between my Brother James & my Sister Motte as Tenants in

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common & not as joint Tenants to them their Heirs & Afsigns for ever. Mrs. Motte's Share to be for her sole & separate use, freed from her Husbands debts or his Control but with her consent and the other half to be equally divided between (my Mother, my Sisters Sarah, Ann & Amelia & my Nephew Joshua Ward Mathews as Tenants in common & not as joint tenants to them their Heirs and Afsigns for ever, and revoking all former wills I appoint my two Daughters Executrixes to this my Will and in case of their death & not otherwise I Nominate my Brother & Mr. Francis Motte my Executors, Witnes my Hand & Seal the day & Year first above written.

John Ward (Seal)

Witnesses

John G. Faber - John Voddrop - John Johnson J

Proved before James D. Mitchell Esquire O.C.T.D. 14th, October 1816, October 15th, 1816 Qualified Mary Ward Executrix.

John. }
14-Oct. 1816. } J.D.M.

Recorded in Will Book E-1807-1818

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WILL OF
RICHARD CHILDRENS

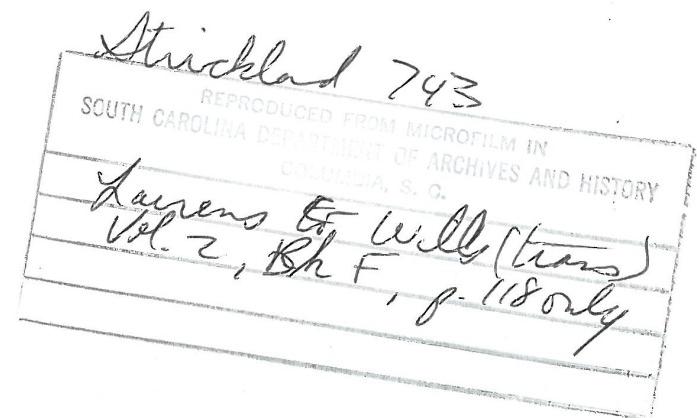
South Carolina Lawrence District, March the 23 1825 and in the year
of our Lord on bet Remembered that I Richard Childress being weak
in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory or you may say
that considering the mantainity of this mortal life and being of
Sound Judgment blessed be almighty god for the same do make and
publish this my last will and testament in in maner and form
following this to say first I give unto my wife Martha one
negro woman Amey I also give unto my eldest Son Richard one Dollar
I also give Unto My Daughter Nancy One Dollar I also give Unto
My Son John One hundred Acres of land more or Less I do also
give unto my Daughter Nancy twelve Dollars I so also give Unto my
Daughter Sarah twelve Dollars and I do Also give Unto My Daughter
Hester One Dollar I do Also give my son Robert one Negro Reuben
Also my land Horses Cows hogs waggon and farming tools to be
Equally Divided Abraham and Robert and I do Also give my Daughter
Patsey one horse and Saddle one cow I do also give my Daughter
Melenday one horse and Saddle one cow I do Also give my Daughter
Betsey one horse and Saddle and one Cow I do Also give my
Daughter Lucy one horse and Saddle one cow --this my Last will and
testament hereby Revoking Former wills by me made In witness where
of --I have hereunto set my hand and Seal March the 23 and in the
year of our Lord 1825--Signed Sealed and published and Declared
by the above Named Richard Childress to be his last will and
testament in the presence of us who at his Request and at his
presence have hereunto Subscribed our names

Witnesses to the same.....

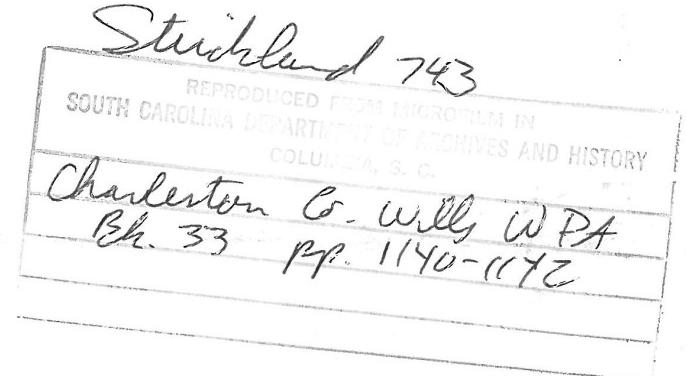
George Fuller Junr. Richard Childress (SEAL)
George Fuller Senr. Recorded in Book J. Page 301
Robert Tuater Bundle 12, Backage 3.
Proven date Nov. 15, 1830.

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now all men by these presents that we James M. Baker and
Icy English for divers good causes & consideration as here-
unto moving have made ordained & appointed & by these pre-
sents do make ordain & appoint James Ward of the County of
ale, in the State of Alabama our true & lawful attorney
or us and in our names & for our own proper use & benefit
separately to bargain, sell & convey our share or proportion
eing one half part as the heirs of James English, deceased,
all that tract or parcel of land lying & being in the
ounty of Early when drawn in the State of Georgia & in the
teneenth district of said County, known & distinguished in
e plan of said district by Lot No. one hundred & fifty five
containing two hundred & two & a half acres more or less
or us & each of us, to sell, bargain away & convey said land
d premises for such sum or sums as he may think proper.
id our said attorney to have, use & take all lawful means &
ys in our names for the collection of any money that may be-
ome due from sale and transfer of said land. And acquittan-
s or other sufficient rights & discharges, for the same for
& in our names to make sell & deliver and to do all lawful
ts & things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully & in
very respect as me might or could do were we personally present
the doing thereof and one or more attorneys under him for
e purpose aforesaid to make & again at his pleasure to re-
oke, satisfying & confirming and by these present allowing
atever our said attorney shall in our names lawfully do or
use to be done in & about the premises by virtue of these pre-
sents.

I WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and affixed
ir seals this twenty fourth day of Feby 1837.
igned, sealed & acknowledged before

note my copy same
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home.

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DATE OF DEED

This the 18th day of Nov. 1837.

THIS INDENTURE made between James and Elizabeth Ward, orphan of James English, & for the heirs of James English severally for which the said James Ward has a power of attorney to act for the orphans & John Rodgers of the County of Early and State of Georgia of the other part witnesseth:

That in & for the consideration of One Hundred Dollars in hand paid hath bargained, sold & conveyed unto the said John Rodgers his heirs & assigns all that tract or lots of land known by Lot No. One Hundred and Fifty-five, lying the the Nineteenth District of Early County, now Decatur County.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lands forever, and I the said James Ward do bring myself, my heirs and assigns to warrant & forever defend the titles of the said land from me & my heirs & all other persons forever.

WHEREFORE I set my hand & seal in the presence of day & date above written.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

in the presence of

James Ward (S)

William Harper
JCCDC

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Benjamin & Daniel Ward.

28/9/1771 Thos. Ongston sold Benjamin Ward a mulatto, Louis, for £95 [C05/613:62]
31/12/1772 Pierre & John Rochon transfer to Benjamin & Daniel Ward 3 blacks -
Jean Gauthi, Gorjan & Dianne as security for a payment of £113.17.9½
by 11/6/1773. If they do not pay the slaves to be sold at vendue. After
deduction of the debt + interest + sale charges, any money left over to go to
the Rochons [ibid f. 154] They did not pay on time [C05/612:352], so the
slaves were sold. [C05/612:352] Both B & D Ward described as Mobile
merchants in this document. On 20/7/1772 Bernard Romans borrowed
£53.8.0 for 2 months from B & D Ward [C05/613:146] Daniel Ward
was the distribution agent for the South Carolina Gazette in Pensacola
[South Carolina Gazette 25/8/64]

Sate Republic
To Mrs John Ward Jr.

For Services in the army of the late Republic
of Texas having fallen with Col Fannin on
27 March 1836 - 3 moth @ \$ 24.00

For evidence, see file 1024 of Certificates
issued.

REPRODUCED FROM THE
HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

1853
P U B L I C D E B T 2d Class "B"
OF THE LATE

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Samuel Ward has, under the provisions of an Act of the
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of an act to provide for canceling the Debt of the late Republic of Texas,"¹³ approved February 7, 1853, filed with the AUDITOR and COMPTROLLER

and claim in the name of Captain Ward his company in
the amount of

amounting to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars,
Dollars, which is sufficiently authenticated & authorizes the auditing of the same under the laws of the late Republic
of Texas. The said Claim, according to the date before us, is worth One Thousand Five Hundred
Dollars, in Par Funds, as having been at that rate or available to the
Government.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our Hands and affixed our Seals of Office,
at Austin, this Second instant day of January 1854

Samuel Ward

W. M. Worthy

State of Mississippi
Lynn County

Know all men by these presents
that we David Ward and Samuel Ward the brothers and
only heirs at law of James Ward deceased who was
a member of the expedition from Texas to Santa Fe in
the service of our dear country during the war have
nominated and appointed and by these presents do
nominate and appoint Edward L. Tilson our true and
trustful attorney and attorney in fact for us and
in our names to demand and receive from the
proper officers of the Government of the State
of Texas in any of its departments the amount
of money, pay and property of every kind due to
us as the only heirs at law of our deceased brother
James Ward for his services in the said expedition
and with full presents give release therefor and
to substitute one or more attorneys under this power
of attorney and to clothe said substitute with all powers
hitherto granted to our said attorney the said substitute
accruing unto our said attorney and he unto us
and hereby ratifying all and all acts of our said
attorney in the premises.

Given under our hands and
seals of seal on this 5th day of March A.D. 1860.

Attest:

Chas. Lane
Holcomb

David Ward

Samuel Ward

Deputy

Deputy

State of Mississippi
Lynn County

In this day before me J. W. Ward
Judge of the Probate Court within and
or the County and State aforesaid personally came
and affiant David Ward and Samuel Ward who are

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Ward file

Jackson County June 16, 1962 Court House

Devisee.

Devisee.	Testator.	L. Number	Book.	Page	Remarks
Cawart, Nancy H.	Cawart, James G.	419/1892	1	15	Real Prop.

Know all men by these presents that I James G. Cawart of Jackson County and State of Mississippi being in moderate health but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at anytime heretofore made - and as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed of or to which I shall be entitled to at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: First my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by executor herein after named to be paid out of my estate as soon thereafter my decease as shall by him be found convenient.

Then I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy H. Cawart all my household furniture together with my dwelling house and houses and the land upon which the same is situated it being the E/2 of NE 1/4 of section number three of township number two South of Range number five West to have and to hold to her and to her executors, administrators and assigns forever to be used by her as to her shall seem right and proper after my decease. I wish my stock of cattle and sheep to be equally divided between my wife Nancy H. Cawart and

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Her children. I give devise and bequeath² to my step daughter Martha Ball an equal portion of my Personal property with my own children.

I wish my stock of horses and carriages sold and the proceeds of the sale equally divided between my wife Nancy H. Covant and her children. Cash on hand if any at the time of my decease to be equally divided among my heirs: and lastly I do nominate and appoint Cornelius Ward to be executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof the said James G. Covant have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 9th day of April in the year of our Lord 1882. James G. Covant Seal

Signed sealed and declared by the said James G. Covant as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

John W. Ward
James T. Ward
Cornelius Ward

Rebated the day in Will back page 15.
Given under my hand seal this 13th day
of April 1882. A. G. Belmas, Clerk

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Note on Will: I copied the above from the original in Pascagoula Court House. I could never fit Nancy H. into my family until I talked with you.

Do you know who Nancy H. married first? This step child was Martha Ball. This had to be Nancy's child. Were John W. and James T. Cornelius Ward's brothers?

← →

Patrick Ward

① 1820 Census Jackson County (Mobile Summer 1972)

John Ward

00010100101

Males: 1 (16-26)
1 ↑ 45

Females: 1 (16-26)
1 ↑ 45

Patrick Ward

00001010100

Males: 1 (26-45)
Female 1 (↓10)
1 (16-26)

Tarleton Ward

These owned by
Bartholomew and William,
Sarah's brothers.

Males: 2 (↓10) Females: 1 (↓10)
2 (16-26) 1 (16-26)
1 (26-45)

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② Mobile Library - Film July 21, 1966
Jackson County, Mississippi Census August 20, 1850
Patrick Ward 59 m
Elizabeth Ward 51 F
Jackson P. Ward 15 m

Notes on Patrick Ward: I believe that Carleton Sr. and Patrick Ward were children of John Ward and Nancy Knight Ward. Note the ages in the 1820 Census.

I am not including Dr. Cain's information on Patrick Ward because I feel sure that you have the data.

I would appreciate any information that you can send me on the Ward family. I am especially interested in Carleton and Sarah Childress Ward's children and families.
I thank for the information you have shared

Sincerely,
Mary Childress Kause

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IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT, IN
AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF TAYLOR } "

I, Clara S. Shea, Clerk of the County Judge's Court in and for Taylor County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy and literal transcript of:

Letter of Return by James B. Ward, as recorded in Miscellaneous Record Book, Page 68

as the same now appears of record and among the files of said Court.

AND I FURTHER CERTIFY that the said County Judge's Court is a Court of Record with an official seal, and that the Judge of said Court is the custodian of the records and of the seal of said Court and that said Court has original jurisdiction of the settlement of the estates of decedents and minors, to order the sale of real estate of decedents and minors, to take probate of wills, to grant letters testamentary and of administration and guardianship, and to discharge the duties usually pertaining to Courts of Probate, and that said Court has a clerk, duly appointed by the Judge of said Court, which said clerk is empowered to exercise all non-judicial functions which the Judge may perform, and that this attestation is in due form and by proper officer according to the laws of the State of Florida.

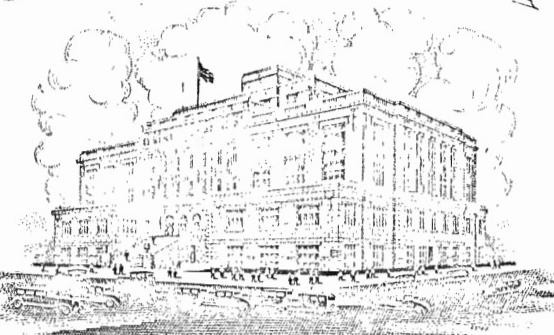
WITNESS the Honorable Byron Butler, County Judge and Judge of said Court, and the seal of said Court, at Perry, Taylor County, Florida, this thir-

teenth day of October, A.D., 1897.

Clara S. Shea
Clerk of the County Judge's Court
Taylor County, Florida

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HUNT COUNTY



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GREENVILLE, TEXAS,

July 10th. 1930

Hon. George H. Sheppard,
State Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:-

You will find herein the application of Mrs. Virginia Ward for a Confederate Widow's Pension. I hope you will find the application and proof satisfactory, and that your approval will be forthcoming at an early date.

Yours very truly,

T. J. O'Neal
County Judge



Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

July 14th, 1930.

To the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military record of Wilkes Sanford Ward, who is reported to have enlisted in Company "G" Regiment 31st, Georgia Infantry,

in service in the Confederate States ARMY RECORDS DIVN

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Very respectfully,

Geo. H. Sheppard

Comptroller of State of Texas.

Mrs. Virginia Ward.

Form 2632b—S542-1126-2m

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
ORD
WASHINGTON July 21, 1930.
J. W. M.

Respectfully returned to

The Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The name Wilkes Sanford Ward has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Company G, 31st Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army.

The records show, however, that one Wilson Ward, also borne as W. S. Ward, private, Company G, 31st Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted January 22, 1862, at Savannah, Georgia, for the period of three years. The company muster roll for April 30 to August 31, 1864, last on file, shows him present.

Union Prisoner of War records show him captured September 19, 1864, at Winchester, Virginia, received at Fort McHenry January 5, 1865, and transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland for exchange February 20, 1865. No later record of him has been found.

C. N. Bridge
Major General,
The Adjutant General
By *G. D.*

Form No. 074-A. G. O.

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FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION

11-4-36-15-6

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Virginia Ward

Hunt County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 3608 Henry

Postoffice Greenville, Texas

Filed July 11-1930

Approved July 30th, 1930.

Pension allowed from Aug. 1st, 1930.

Rejected

Geo. F. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Form 111B

Form 2327b—8250-430-4m

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Hunt

I, Mrs. Virginia Ward, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by S. B. No. 27, passed by the Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Wilkes Sanford Ward deceased, who departed this life on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1928, in the county of Hunt, in the State of Texas.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband

Wilkes Sanford Ward and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 5th day of September A. D. 1868, in the county of Stewart, in the State of Georgia.

My husband, the said Wilkes Sanford Ward, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled Discharged

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the Tenth day of January A. D. 1879

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 78—September 3rd, 1852

2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 45 years

3. What is your postoffice address? 3608 Henry St., Greenville, Texas

4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

5. If rejected, state when and where.

6. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number

7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Green Hill, Stewart County, Georgia

8. What was your husband's full name? Wilkes Sanford Ward

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Georgia

10. How long did your husband serve? 1861 to 1865

11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Not known

12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) Co. G, 31st Regiment, Gordon's Brigade

13. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service

Infantry

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. Virginia Ward

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July A. D. 1930.

[Seal]

County Judge Hunt County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

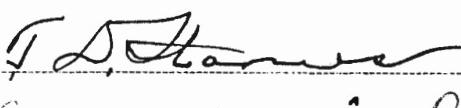
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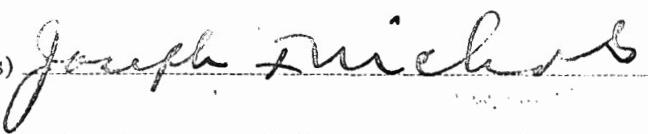
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[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Hunt }

Before me, T. J. O'Neal, County Judge of Hunt County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared T. D. Starnes and J. F. Nichols, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Virginia Ward, applicant for a pension as the widow of Wilkes Sanford Ward deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Wilkes Sanford Ward deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) 

(Signature of Witness) 

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of July, A. D. 1930.

[Seal.]

County Judge, Hunt County, Texas.

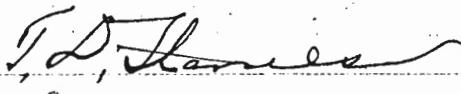
*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

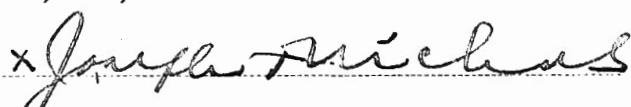
AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Hunt }

Before me, T. J. O'Neal, County Judge of Hunt County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. G. Lantzner and J. F. Nichols, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Virginia Ward has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1898 and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) 

(Signature of Witness) 

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of July, A. D. 1930.

County Judge, Hunt County, Texas.

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(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Hunt }

Before me, T.J.O'Neal, County Judge of Hunt County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J.R.White

, who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he ~~xxx~~) is personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of (his ~~xxx~~) knowledge and belief, and that (he ~~xxx~~) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

(Witness must state fully the source of (his ~~xxx~~) knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

I knew Wilkes Sanford Ward during our boyhood days. We were reared in the same community and grew up together as boys. I remember that Wilkes Ward volunteered and joined the Confederate army when he was only about 16 or 17. I was not in the same command with him, and never saw him in the service, but I knew him as I knew other boys of that community who served in other commands than the one I served in. My recollection is that Wilkes Ward joined the 31st Georgia Regiment, the commander I do not remember but I think it was John B. Gordon. Marsh Ward, a brother of Wilkes, was also in the same command as Wilkes, and during the war his tongue was shot off.

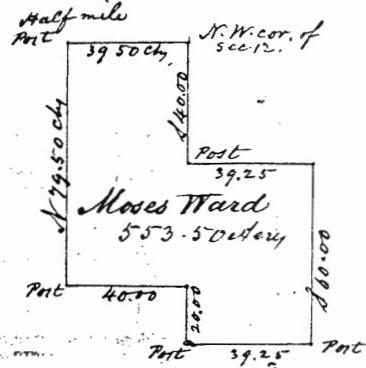
(Signature of Witness) J.R. White

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th. day of July, A. D. 19³⁰.

[Seal.]

T.J.O'Neal
County Judge Hunt County, Texas.

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I WITNESS to an order from the Principal Deputy Surveyor of the Land Districts, & of the Island of New Orleans, and in conformity with a certificate No. 59 from the Commissioners, appointed under authority of the Act of Congress, of April 25th 1812, and recognized by a subsequent Act, approved March 3, 1819, I have Surveyed a tract of land claimed by Moses Ward situate on the waters of Pascagoula river in the State of Mississippi, being T. No. 1 in R. No. 8 & W. of the Baseline meridian, and S. of the 31st. degree of latitude, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a post in S. 13 whence a pine bears N. 44° E. 18 chs. and an oak bears 66° W. 34 chs. the aforesaid post being the S. W. corner of Patrick Ward's claim. Thence W. 39, 25 chs. to a post on section line between sections 13 & 14 whence a pine bears E. 18 chs. Thence N. 20 chs. to the S. E. corner of 8. Thence W. 40 chs. to a post, whence an oak bears N. 89° E. 12 chs. and an oak bears N. 80° E. 24 chs. Thence N. 79, 50 chs. to Jacob Miller's S. W. corner the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile post between sections 2 & 11, Sec. 8 of the River. Thence E. 39, 50 chs. to the N. W. corner of S. 12. Thence S. 40 chs. to a post, whence a gum bears S. 64° E. 36 chs. Thence E. 39, 25 chs. on John Ward's South line to Patrick Ward's W. line. Thence S. 60 chs. on Patrick Ward's W. line to the place of beginning.

Containing 553 acres and 50 hundredths of an acre; and having such shape, form and marks, natural and artificial, as are represented in the above plat and description.

Examined and approved,
(Signed) William Brown,
Principal Deputy Surveyor.

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Containing 553 acres and 50 hundredths of an acre; and having such shape, form and marks, natural and artificial, as are represented in the above plat and description.

The 12th day of August, 1827,
(Signed) Thomas B. Ubo,
Deputy Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office,
Jackson, Miss., June 1, 1847
Correctly copied from the official record of claims
C. H. Madloun
Surveyor Extra of Summerville

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Chap C Mch 3, 1819

Excess Land Warrant,

No. 37

Register and Receiver's

No.

LAND OFFICE,

184

We HEREBY CERTIFY that, the attached ~~Excess~~ Land Warrant No. 37 - was on this day

received at this office, from John Stanley, - , of

Jackson county, State of Mississippi

Emry Bynum

Register.

A. R. Carter

Receiver.

I, John Stanley, of Jackson county, State of Mississippi, on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1814, in the District of Lands subject to sale at the Land Office at Augusta, Mississippi, containing 80.02/100 acres, in satisfaction of the attached Warrant numbered 37, of Range No. 18, in Township No. 1, South of Section No. 18, in the West Bank of the Mississippi River, -

Witness my hand this 22 day of February A. D. 1814

Attest:

Emry Bynum Register.

Receiver.

A. R. Carter

LAND OFFICE, February 22nd 1814

St. S. M. W.

A. R. Carter

Receiver.

Emry Bynum Register.

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LAND WARRANT CERTIFICATE, NO.

*John on the Re:
the 1st August 1841.*

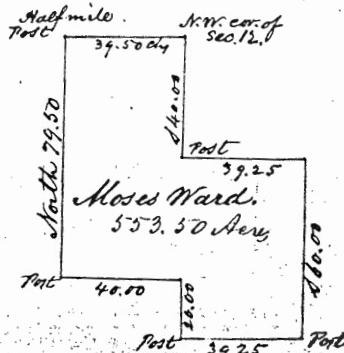
I, being desirous of locating
the quarter of Section No.
in Township No. of Range No.
, in the District of Lands subject to sale at the Land Office at
with the attached Military Land Warrant Certificate, No. issued under
the provisions of the ninth Section of the Act of Congress, approved February 11th, 1847,
A.D. 184 , there was not at that time an actual settlement and cultivation upon any part
of said land, nor was there any person or persons
residing upon it; And I do
verily believe that there is no actual settlement and cultivation
or any person or persons residing upon any part of said land at this time.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
day of A.D. 184

Register of the Land Office.

I request my patent to be sent to

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I now want to ascertain from the Principal Deputy Surveyor of the Land Districts C. of the Island of New Orleans, and in conformity with a certificate No. 59 from the Commissioners appointed under authority of the Act of Congress of April 25th. 1832, and recognized by a subsequent Act, approved March 3rd 1833, I have surveyed a tract of land claimed by Moses Ward & situated on the waters of Pascagoula River in the State of Mississippi being S. No. 1 for T. No. 2 of R. No. 8 M. of the Basin meridian, and S. of the 31st degree of latitude, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a post in S. 13, whence a gum bears N. 44° W. and an ash bears S. 66° W. 34 lls. to the aforesaid post, being the S.W. corner of Patrick Ward's claim. Thence W. 39.25 chs. to a post on section line between sections 13 & 14, whence a pine bears E. 18 lls. Thence N. 20 chs. to the S.E. corner of S. 11. Thence W. 40 chs. to a post, whence an oak bears N. 89° E. 12 lls. and an oak bears N. 80° E. 24 lls. Thence N. 79.50 chs. to Jacob Miller's S.W. corner the half mile post between sections 2 & 11, Back E. of the River. Thence E. 39.50 chs. to the N.W. corner of S. 12. Thence S. 44° to a post, whence a gum bears S. 64° E. 36 lls. Thence E. 39.25 to John Ward's South line to Patrick Ward's W. line. Thence S. 60 chs. on Patrick Ward's W. line to the place of beginning.

Containing 553 acres and 57 hundredths of an acre; and having such shape, form and marks, natural and artificial, as are represented in the above plat and description.

The 12th day of August, 1837,

Signed, Thomas Bell.

Deputy Surveyor.

Examined and approved,
(Signed) William Brown
Principal Deputy Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office,

Jackson, Miss. June, 1843,

Correctly copied from the official record of claims

C. C. Madson,

Surveyor Smith of Memphis.

Surveyor's Office,
Jackson, Miss., Oct. 6, 1849.

Warrant No. 37

Whereas in virtue of the Act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1819 the claim of Moses Ward No. 59, of Commissioner Crawford's Report N^o. 12, is confirmed for the quantity of 640 acres of land, situate in the State of Mississippi, East of Pearl River and South of the 31st degree of latitude, and it appearing that the original survey of the said claim is deficient in the quantity of land confirmed to said claimant by a number of acres equal to 80⁵⁰.

Therefore in pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Acts of the 3rd March, 1845, and 5th August 1848, I certify that Moses Ward is entitled to locate eighty-six & ⁵⁰/100 acres in legal subdivisions of the public lands aforesaid subject to entry in the State of Mississippi except the Chickasaw Cession.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year aforesaid.

C. A. Bradford

Surveyor South of Tennessee.

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The State of Mississippi }
Jackson County — }

J. Samuel Davis,

Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of
Jackson and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
John Fairley is the bona fide owner of the above
mentioned land claim for and upon which the afo-
resaid warrant was issued, as will appear by refer-
ence to a Deed of conveyance from Moses Fairley
and wife, the original confirmer, to said John Fair-
ley, dated the 25th day of November A.D. 1845 and
recorded in Book D. pages 408 & 409 —

Given under my hand & seal of office
the 10th day of December A.D. 1849 —

Sam'l Davis clerk

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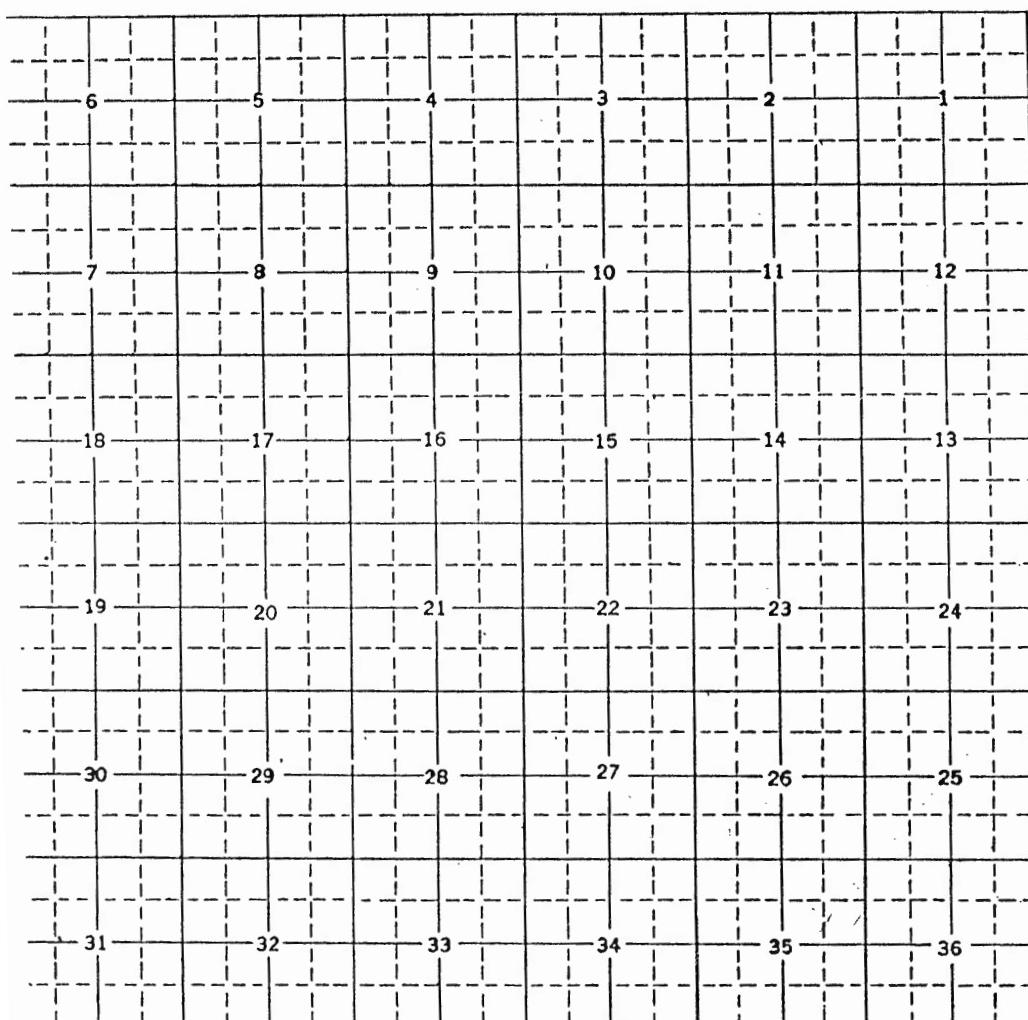
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

BRANCH OF LAND STATUS: Please furnish status of lands described in Case No. 045226 BLM
described lands *sec 11*

Twp. 2 S Range 8 W Meridian S.S. State Mississippi

Other data required

Name of requestor _____ Branch _____ Date _____



LEGEND

- Outline of area on which status is required
- Public land in Federal ownership
- Patented land (no minerals reserved)
- Patented land (S. R. Act 12/29/16)
- Patented land (Act 7/17/14)
- School lands
- Indian allotments
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Does posting and survey agree with the lands as described?

inflicts Sec. 11 is not shown on T. B.

Withdrawals E.O. 2/5/35

Sec 11 - Claim of Jacob Miller
Sec 11 - Claim of Moses Ward J.P. W.

Rights-of-way none

Entered in T. B. Vol. No. M-14 Page No. 16 Status furnished on 9/18/57 Clerk PMA
with case. Status Clerk will be responsible for its correctness.

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A P P L I C A T I O N

J.S.K.R.
J.S.C.P.
Julian

RE: Moses Ward
Section 11, Township 2 South,
Range 8 West, George County, Mississippi

SLM 045226

Application is hereby made for the issuance of a
patent to Moses Ward, his heirs and assigns, covering Section
11, Township 2 South, Range 8 West of the Basis Meridian and
South of the 31° of Latitude, George County, Mississippi. As
a basis for issuance of patent Applicant respectfully presents
the following facts and information:

Said claim of Moses Ward was confirmed by the Commissioners for the District East of Pearl River, American State Reports, Volume 3, Page 33, and was duly surveyed and confirmed under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1819 (3 Stat. 528), as Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 8 West, containing 553.50 acres. (Certificate No. 59 from the Commissioners appointed under Act of Congress of April 25, 1812). Said claim was confirmed as land actually inhabited or cultivated by the said Moses Ward or by persons in whose right he claimed on or before the 15th day of April, 1813.

Although said claim was duly confirmed and surveyed, Applicant has had a thorough search made of the records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of George County, Mississippi, and in the Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C., and can find no record of a patent covering said lands. Applicant derives claim of title to the land from the said original Claimant and his Assignees, and claims title to said land through a deed regularly recorded on the deed records of George County, Mississippi. There are no other persons claiming this land adversely to this Applicant.

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Applicant is the present owner of the land covered by said confirmation claim and requests delivery of this patent to Mr. Samuel W. McIntosh, National Press Building, Washington, D. C., Attorney for Applicant.

X PASCAGOULA HARDWOOD COMPANY Y

ATTEST:

E. H. Massay
Secretary

BY: Ronc. Hyman

President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 9th
day of September, 1957.

My Commission expires Jan. 27, 1958

Sarah M. Pickering
Notary Public in and for
Jones County, Mississippi

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned Martha W. Gerald, a duly licensed and practicing attorney in the State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that I have made a careful examination of Abstract of Title prepared by Lester & Witcher Abstract Company, Jackson, Mississippi, a duly licensed and competent abstract company operating in the State of Mississippi, said abstract covering a period of time from entry of land up to and including the 28th day of December, 1955, and that basing my opinion upon said examination I certify that Pascagoula Hardwood Company, a Delaware corporation, authorized to do and doing business in the State of Mississippi is the present owner of an interest in the following described lands in George County, Mississippi, to-wit:

The Moses Ward Confirmation, Section 11,
Township 2 South, Range 8 West, containing
553.50 acres.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this, the 20th day of

August, 1957.

Martha W. Gerald

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(a) Brig Mary, Captain Boggs, from Coleraine, arrived at New York before June 20, 1812.

(c) George Hazleton Matthew Elder John Thompson
 George Martin Harry Willis Robert Law
 Michael Dogherty James M'Kindry John O'Neill
 Thomas Stewart James Johnson James M'Laughlin
 John Whiteford James Patterson Catherine Armstrong
 Thomas Dickson Mary Patterson Joseph Wier
 Margaret Houston✓ John Patterson Alexander Scott
 Margaret Houston✓ John Pattison William Cristie
 Samuel M'Laughlin John Reid Thomas Burns
 James M'Laughlin Robert M'Afee James Wilson
 Robert Gilland Henry Doherty Thomas Mitchell
 Alexander Adams John Reynold James Mitchell
 John Stewart Hugh M'Colgan John Mitchell
 James Kirkpatrick Robt. Stewart Margaret Mitchell
 Margaret Kirkpatrick and family John M'Illereavy
 Jane Kirkpatrick Esther Armstrong and family

12-19

(a) Ship Alexander, Captain Burns, from Londonderry, arrived at New York before June 20, 1812.

(c) Miss Clotilda Elliott, Leitrim Mary Aiken Donegal
 John M'Kim Derry Robert Corbit "
 Michael Allen " Samuel M'Intire "
 James W. Patterson New York Sarah M'Intire "
 Owen Durish Fermanagh Richard Beatty "
 Catherine Durish " Anne Beatty "
 Arthur Graham " Archibald Long "
 Bridget Graham " Mary Long "
 Peter Breen " William Barr "
 Owen Murray " Eleanor Barr "
 William Kerr " John Barr "
 James McGir " Michael Doherty "
 John Graham " Mary Doherty "
 Eliza Graham " William Doherty "
 Samuel Osborne, sen., Dublin Brynn Quigley "
 Samuel Osborne, jun., " John Durne "
 Mary M'Fadden Donegal Alexander Brown "
 Nancy M'Fadden " Rebecca Brown "
 Dominick Coll " Isabella Brown "
 Bryan Roper " Roger Doherty "
 Peggy Roper " Emma Doherty "
 Archibald Aiken " William Henry "
 Sarah Aiken " Joshua Smullen "
 Eliza Aiken " Sarah Smullen "

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Arther Mehain	Donegal	George Kerr	Tyrone
Mary M'Ilwain	"	Catherine Kerr	"
James M'Culloch	Tyrone	James Kerr	"
Betty M'Culloch	"	George Kerr	"
Margaret M'Culloch	"	Joseph Kerr	"
Mary M'Culloch	"	William Kerr	"
Thomas M'Culloch	"	Ellen Kerr	"
John Irwine	"	Richard Kerr	"
Mary Irwine	"	Richard Bloomfield	"
William Woods	"	William Stevenson	"
Mary Woods	"	James Brown	"
Nelson Woods	"	John Brown	"
Thomas Woods	"	James Ferrall	"
John Ellis	"	Henry Connor	"
Anne Chambers	"	Daniel Boyle	"
George Scott	"	Francis Gallaher	"
Eliza Scott	"	Mary McGinness	"
Anthony Woods	"	Stewart McGinness	"
Daniel Doherty	"		

The following passengers by the above vessel, were pressed by the British frigate Morgiana, in lat. 41 40, long. 57 25.

Hugh O'Brien	Fermanagh	Edward Doherty	Donegall
Teague M'Feaden	Donegall	Brian Hapan	Derry
Samuel Corbett	"	Peter Hoan	Donegall
James Cresholm	Tyrne	Mich. M'Cormick	"
Peter Kelly	Donegall	Wm. Stevenson✓	Tyrone
James Williams	"	Robert Stevenson✓	"
John Drummend	Fermanagh	Pat. M'Collum	Derry
Pat. Curry	"	Wm. Ward	Tyrone
Saml. M'Intire	Derry	John Ward	"
Robert Fletcher	Leitrim	Manus Connor	"
Daniel Rouso	"	Hugh Dougherty	Donegall
John Begley	Tyrone	Brian Quigley	"
Martin Beil	Donegall	Pat M'Guire	Fermanagh
Con Finn	"	John Bresland	Donegall
John Wilson	Fermanagh	Manus M'Fadden	"

Could this be your John?
 A good local library can
 propose for. ⁶¹ *Stanley H.*

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May 5, 1986

Dear Ms. Rodgers:

Thank you for your letter of April 22. In answer to your question, I do have some information about John Ward and I have enclosed what was given to me by a distant relative in Shellbanks, Alabama, which is around Mobile. This shows that John Ward married Nancy Knight in 1775 and that they had nine children. I am sure that the person who did the research outlined on the pages you sent, which shows Moses, Patrick and Tarleton Ward as sons of John Ward, must have done research on a part of the family living there in Mississippi.

My mother was a Ward from Pensacola. This part of the family is from the oldest son of John Ward, Elijah Ward, who first settled in Alabama territory (Clarke county) and then Walton county Florida territory. His people still live all through the panhandle from Escambia county to Walton county. They moved to Florida territory in 1821 and at one time had a settlement north of Pensacola called Wardville, which had its own postoffice by that name. I grew up partly in Pensacola but now live in Germany.

I often wondered how the Ward family made it to the Gulf coast. The information you sent answers this by saying they drove cattle. According to family tradition, as shown in the material enclosed, Nancy Knight was Creek Indian but I have never been able to prove this. The current Chief of the East Creek Nation in Florida, however, says he is from Jackson Knight, who in family tradition was Andrew Jackson Knight, the uncle of Nancy and the chief.

I have the copies of the two wills listed in South Carolina. I have never found where John Ward I came from, however. I suppose directly from England but I do not know from which part or for sure. Some settlers came via Barbados.

John Ward I had a grant in Berkeley county, S.C. and the Wards came to Florida from there, not Charleston. This is only 16 miles southwest of Charleston. The area is still known as Ward's Plantation and I have done some research in the local archives. The four brothers who went to British West Florida all had land grants issued by the Governor in Pensacola on November 24, 1768. I have copied the one for John Ward III which is in the Public Record Office at Kew, outside London. These lands were in the Natchez District 12 to 16 miles south of Natchez. How he got to Pascagoula I do not know. Do you know if he lost his land or exchanged it? Do you know when? Additionally, Benjamin had a lot in Campbelltown in 1766 and Daniel a lot in Pensacola (No. 214, which he exchanged for 164 on Seville Square) and in Mobile in 1766. Daniel was an alternate to the colonial Council and according to the Minutes and Journals of the colony Daniel represented Mobile in the sessions of the Commons House of Assembly and Benjamin did the same in Pensacola for five years. This is in R.R. Rea and M.B. Howard. The land grants are listed in the volume on Natchez land grants by McBee. Daniel was also listed in the South Carolina Gazette in Pensacola as their agent in the August 25, 1764 issue. The British took possession in September 1763 so the Ward family was in the colony from the beginning. I curator in Pensacola says I am the only person in the United States he has met who can show descent from British West Florida. He has met two others in the past 25 years but one was from Nova Scotia and the other from London.

The Ward family was taking slaves as collateral as early as 1771 according to the colonial records. But perhaps the most interesting item of all is the fact that of the four brothers three (John Ward III, Joshua and Benjamin) served in Royalist

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units during the Revolutionary War. This information is in Loyalists in the Southern Campaign by Clark and I have enclosed the pages. John Ward III's grand-son, James Ward, who was my great-grandfather, was in the Florida line of the Confederate Army and received a pension from the state. He is buried in Escambia county north of Pensacola. So is my great-grandfather and grandfather. Do you know where John Ward III is buried? Or any of his children? Do you know the names of all nine children? With what you have furnished I know four. A John Ward, who could have been John WARD IV, fought at San Jacinto along with Col. Fannin in 1836. A James Ward also died on a Texas expedition to Santa Fe in 1842. I have the documents on both and James was from Jones county, Mississippi, which, I believe, is around Laurel. So he could have been a relative, but I have not nailed it down yet.

I plan on doing a 10-12 page article on the movements of the Ward family from the time in South Carolina to their settlement on the Gulf Coast in the various territories and states. I will send a copy if you are interested but I will not complete it for some months. If you can answer any of the questions above, or if you have additional information, I would appreciate knowing about it. I will do the same.

Regards,

Marge Marshall

PS--In the 1816 resolution you sent John Ward listed himself as a loyal American who always wanted the benefits of U.S. institutions. This is not true on the record.

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Ward

Georgia Genealogy Magazine No. 2, Oct. 1961

Georgia Chancery Court Minutes 9-2-1822

Sarah Ward was appointed Admin of Robert Ward.

Deaths from the Georgia Gazette, Savannah, Ga.

12-19-1793 - Mrs. Catherine Ward ^{wife} of Joshua Ward of South Carolina and daughter of Hon. Noble Kimberley Jones of Savannah.

Ibid., No. 4, April 1962

1805 Land Lottery Chatham County, Ga.

Peter Ward

Ibid., No. 8, April 1963

Death notice from the Columbian Museum and Savannah Advertiser

8-23-1810 In Liberty County near Sunbury on the 15th inst.

Mrs. Eliza Ward consort of Mr. William Ward. He with their children survive.

11-19-1819 On the 3rd inst. in Charleston, S.C. Dr Peter Ward.

Virginia

Some Virginia Marriages Vol II by McDonald

Solomon Casen and Jacomine Ward 10-17-1782 Prince Anne Co.

Alabama

Valley Leaves, Vol. II, No. 4, June 1977

Jackson County Alabama marriage book 1851-56

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ABSTRACTS OF WILLS IN PROBATE RECORD 3, MADISON CO., ALABAMA - CONTINUED.

(Abstracted by Mr. & Mrs. Ezell Terry, Huntsville, Ala.)

PR 3, p.70 WILL OF RICHARD SHACKLEFORD Dated 29 Dec 1823
To beloved wife Mary Ann Shackleford -- Prob Jan Term 1824
Sons-in-law Isaac Mitchell & Abner Pyles & his dau Matilda Pyles.
Daus Frances Landrum wife of John Landrum, Margaret Cook, Rebekah Pettey
and grandchild Mary Elizabeth Pettey.
Sons George, James, Richard Shackleford & the heirs of William Shackleford,
dec'd.
Execs: Son George Shackleford & son-in-law Zachary Pettey.
Wit: Wm Wright, Wm Smith, Samuel Hopkins.

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The State of Alabama I J R Eastburn a Notary Public
Mobile County in and for said county and state
 hereby certify that Daniel Ward
and Tarleton Ward whose names are signed to the foregoing
conveyance and who are known to me acknowledged before me
on this day after being informed of the contents of this
said conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the
day the same given date given under my hand and notarized
Seal the 12th day of October AD 1867.

J. R. Eastburn
Arty Peebles

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The State of Alabama Know all men by these presents
Baldwin County that is Henry Ward and Emeline
 his wife of the county of Baldwin
and State of Alabama and Patrick Ward of the County of
Jackson State of Mississippi
The said Henry and Patrick being heirs of the late Benjamin
and John Ward (deceased) who together with Daniel Ward now.
Swearing unto grantees under the United States Government
of the hereinafter mentioned tract of land do in consideration
of the sum of One Thousand to us in hand paid by John M.
Ladd of the County of Mobile the receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged do hereby dismiss release and forever quick
claim unto him the same John M. Ladd and to his heirs and
assignees forever.(all the following tract of land in Mobile
County, Alabama namely, A Spanish grant confirmed by Act
of Congress of the United States to Benajamin, Daniel and
John Ward being Section forty Township One South Range on
East in said County containing an are of eleven hundred
and Seventy-six 90/100 acres. Bounded as follows: North by
Section four a Spanish grant to Pierre Chestang and fraction-
al unto East quarter of Section five. East by Middle River
South by Rail Road land Section fifteen and school Section
number Sixteen and West by Mobile River) To have and to hold
unto him the said John M. Ladd and to his heirs and assignees
forever.
Sucture nec cur? we nor any one claiming through or under
us show henceforth have by any way or means any rights claim
or title to any part of said land or any interest in the same
land ...and we... presents be forever debarred from the same
as witness our hand and Seal this Twenty third day of November
A.D. 1867.

Witness

J. F. Cain
A. H. Cain

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Henry Ward
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Emeline x Ward
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his

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State of Alabama
Mobile County

I Jesse F. Cain A Justice of the Peace
hereby certify that Patrick Ward....
whose name is signed to the foregoing
conveyance, and who is known to me acknowledged before me
on this day after being informed of the contents of the
conveyance that he executed the same voluntarily on this
day the date given under my hand the 7th day of December
1867.

Jesse F. Cain
J.P. M. C.

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

I William Childress a Justice of
the Peace of Baldwin County do
hereby/certify that Henry Ward
and Emeline his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing
conveyance and who are known to me acknowledged before me
on this day that being informed of the contents of the
conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on this day
the same being date given under my hand this twenty-third
day of November A.D. 1867.

William Childress
Justice of the Peace B. C.

Bartholomew
son

Note: The Ladds in Mobile today is a very wealthy
family.

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January 23, 1992

4018 Vineland
Austin, TX 78722

Ms. Linda Posey, Librarian
Pascagoula City Library
3214 Pascagoula Street
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Ms. Posey:

I am doing research on my father's family, the Wards of Shipman, Mississippi, and the Felps family of Bayou la Batre, Alabama. Margie Ward Gatti of Mobile told me recently that your library has considerable information on the Ward family. My great great grandparents were Tarlton Ward and Sarah Childress, my great grandparents were Cornelius Ward and Mary Tucker, my grandparents were Henry Knox Ward and Amanda Carolyn Breland. My father was Forrest Bedford Ward, son of Knox and Amanda.

I would appreciate any information on sources that are in your library so that I can plan on making a trip to Pascagoula should there be enough to justify it. In talking with others, a book title A HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY has been mentioned. Is there such a title in your library and can it be used through interlibrary loan?

The late Maude Ward Miller and Esther Ward Byrd were my father's sisters and lived there in Pascagoula. Ms. Exa Bird of Pascagoula and Ms. Ava Byrd of Gautier and Ms. Frances Pearl of Mobile are my father's sisters by his Mother's second marriage to Leeson Cockroft and are therefore my aunts.

I hope this request for identification of your principal holdings for Ward family history and genealogy is appropriate and that there is enough to justify my coming over to use your library. I will anxiously await any information you can send me on sources of information on my antecedents. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,
Forrest E. Ward
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TIME: 02/13 4:44 PM

TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)
FROM: RON JONES (JSTW48A)
SUBJECT: MS..SOUTHEASTEN COS.

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Pat, I am researching WARDs & BAKERs of Territorial W. FL. There was a John BAKER found in the 1786 & 1787 Spanish census reports of Mobile. He may have been there earlier! He had a grant of land above Ft. St. Stephens in 1795. I found a record of a John & Rebecca BAKER who had a son named Silas who d. 1768. Don't know if it is the same John! Then I have a George BAKER who was found in the early FL census of 1783. I am trying to link either/or to my Starke BAKER found in Conecuh Co., AL in 1820 & Walton Co., FL 1830-1860. I know the WARDs were as far west as Natchez, but I am not sure about the BAKERs. I descend from John WARD III(Jr.), I think, who settled around Pascagoula and later ended up in Baldwin Co., AL. I have information that some of his sons remained: Tarleton, Patrick, Moses, & John IV.

Let me know if I can help you! Thanks.

Ron

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TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)
FROM: PATSY CATE-CREECH (SFBS05C)
SUBJECT: MS..SOUTHEASTEN COS.

I am looking for the family of my gr grandparents. Emily Anderson b. 12-2-1840 MS John B. Scott b. 2-14-1836 MS They were married 12-11-1860 in Angelina Co. TX. 1850 Angelina Co. TX census shows Emily age 10 living with Ephraim Anderson age 60 B/P SC (her father?). There was a female age 22, Elizabeth B/P GA (sister? or young wife of?) Ephraim? Ephraim age 15 B/P MS (bro.?) and 2 other children, Hightower 7 and Sephrann 5. 1860 Angelina Co. TX census shows Emily age 20 living with brother, Ephraim age 24 and his wife, Mirah B/P MS and 2 kids. Now John age 26 is in Angelina Co. also. He is living with a widow, Octavia Anderson age 33 B/P MS and her 4 kids. I don't know if the two Andersons are related or not but since both were born in MS, as was John - MAYBE. I am stumped since I don't know where in MS to start looking. I hope you can help me. Thanks, Pat in TX

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TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)
FROM: RON JONES (JSTW48A)
SUBJECT: MS..SOUTHEASTEN COS.

Ward - Gulf Coast

Pat, Thanks for the reply. I sure appreciate all the help I can get. You may have followed some of my other posts on the BB. And you may have some or all of this. The will of John II proved 17Mar1758, names sons John Jr. (III), Joshua, Benjamin, & Daniel, and dau. Mary BURROWS. Mary married William BURROWS 20Apr1749 in Berkeley Co., SC. All the sons had land grants near Ft. Pannure in 1768. I have not seen the proof, but Sarah was the daughter of John COOKE.

I have been of the opinion that my Elijah W. WARD had been confused with another Elijah, son of John III. I have had little to base this on. One source, "Creole Mobile", shows three children; Tarleton, b.1792, Nancy b.1807, & Elijah b.1810. The versions I have seen of John III's family lists 9 or 10 children. My Elijah was b. 1779 in NC. You have Nancy as b.1775 NC; do you have a source on file for this. It would prove that Nancy could not have been the mother of my Elijah. Life would have been a lot simpler for me if I would have just accepted it & gone on. The info I have also states that John & Nancy were m.1777 near Eufaula in the Creek Nation. Have not seen any proof of this either.

Thanks again. Anything else you can add that might clarify this WARD situation will be greatly appreciated.

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9:07 AM

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TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)
FROM: BOB QUINN (SCTM02B)
SUBJECT: ALA:SUMTER COUNTY

PAT----DATES DON'T AGREE BUT LOOKS PROMISING. ADVISE ADDRESS. WILL SEND FAMILY TREE AND INFO. I HAVE INCLUDING 40'S HISTORY. HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY WHERE MALCOM MOVED TO SUMTER FROM. MY HARRIS FAMILY LIVED NEAR CUBA IN SUMTER COUNTY. CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND JEANETTE WERE:

SARA B1777,CHARLES B1780,PETER 1784,MARY 1785,DUNCAN 1785,
AND 5 OTHERS. DANIEL WAS B1741 IN SCOTLAND AND JEANETTE
B1752- D1774 ALSO SCOTLAND.

mc Donald
HOPE THIS HELPS. BOB QUINN

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February 17, 1992

Forrest E. Ward
4018 Vineland Drive
Austin, TX 78722

Dear Mr. Ward:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of January 23, 1992 concerning the Ward
family.

We regret the delay in answering you, but
illness has left this department unstaffed for
a month.

Our holdings on the Ward Family are varied.
Some of them are: Our Childress Family by Mary
Childress Rouse which has a large Ward section
and copies of a number of documents. I Remember
Shipman by Carrie Moffett. George county, MS
Death Records (2 vol.) by Mary Childress Rouse.
George County, MS Cemeteries (2 vols) by Ben
& Jean SDtrickland. The History of Jackson
County, MS by Jackson County Genealogical Society.
Jackson County Death Records, Newspaper
notices and obituaries. Vertical file on the
Ward Families which is quite large and contains
material from the Spanish Period.

This is a sampling of what we have. I am
sure that there is more on both Jackson and
George Counties and that part of the Ward family
that moved over into the Mobile County, AL area.

The History of Jackson County, MS cannot be
borrowed on inter-library loan since none of our
genealogical collection circulates.

We will look forward to seeing you, should
you visit. If we can be of further service, please
let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Strickland
Genealogy & Local History Dept.

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04/10/92

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TOPIC: GENEALOGY SURNAMES
TIME: 04/09 10:38 PM

TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)
FROM: RON JONES (JSTW48A)
SUBJECT: WARD - DEEP SOUTH

Pat, Yes I am the one and still trying to sort it all out. But I have a lot better understanding of this family now. As far as I can tell all of the children listed on my first post are proven except Elijah & Moses. I have growing evidence now that Elijah is a son, but still no proof. Both are accepted by most researchers!

The only place I have seen that Nancy KNIGHT was b. 1775 in NC is in the Family Puzzlers query you sent me a copy of. I wrote to that gentleman some time ago, but have not heard from him. He was of the opinion that Nancy was a Creek Indian. "The History of Jackson Co., MS" states John & Nancy m. 1777 as does "Four Centuries on the Pascagoula". Almost all sources say she is the d/o Jackson KNIGHT. In Mary Childress Rouse's Family Book there is research from Betty Schuchmann suggesting that Jackson was the stepfather. I have recently been in contact w/Betty, who has remarried & is now a PERKINS, and she says she still believes that and that Nancy was the d/o William Moniac & Polly Colbert, a Tuskegee Indian Woman of the Wind Tribe. Her Indian name is thought to be Nahoga. I have not seen the evidence. Dr. Andrew Boggs Ramsey, the present Chief of the Creeks at Bruce, FL, descends from this line of WARDs. Betty says that Nancy was b. 21 Jun 1760 in GA Creek Terr. & m. John 3 Oct 1775/1777 at Eufaula also in Creek Terr.

Just another story that still needs more research. By the way Betty has 8 other possible children of John & Nancy.

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SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29, 1992

Dear Betty:

How marvelous it was to meet you and to have your help in the library last week! The clipping that you gave me of my grandfather's Wild West Show was a real treasure and no one in the family had ever seen it! Of course, they knew he had shot David but didn't know that he was handled by the authorities and didn't know about the altercation itself.

It would have been nice if you could have been at Lyda Mae's on Saturday, November 21, but Myrtle or one of the others said you had to go to Mobile to meet your husband's plane. Anyway, it was a nice afternoon and I enjoyed seeing all of them - some, I am afraid, I never had met before.

My time ran out while there in the Deep South before all my searches were completed. There are several things I want to continue to work on. I am writing the Meridian hospital address that you gave me to see if they have any information on my father's brother, Burke Ward, who died at age 24 in one of the institutions in Mississippi. I also want to see if I can get a copy of the deed of my step-grandfather J.L. Cockcroft to Pop West, when Cockcroft traded the old Knox Ward place for one West owned in Covington Parish, LA, near Andalusia. As that transaction took place in 1933, the deed is probably in Lucedale for George County. We want to find out, among other things, if there is a covenant in the deed protecting the cemetery of the Knox Ward family.

The land is in Section 22, Range 5 West, Township 2 South. The 160 & 23/100 acres was purchased by my grandfather Henry Knox Ward on May 23, 1895, out of the public domain. I found this entry in the Pascagoula Courthouse in 1961, in a book titled ORIGINAL ENTRIES FROM THE UNITED STATES, JACKSON COUNTY. As the land was in George County in 1933, I assume the Lucedale Courthouse will have the deed of Cockcroft to West. Do you have a working relationship with Lucedale that you said you had with the Jackson Co. Courthouse? If not, then I will write directly to the officials in Lucedale.

Betty, I doubt that the two volumes of W. Howell Jackson are available here in Austin and I am equally doubtful that your circulating division would let them out on interlibrary loan. With that in mind, can I order Xerox copies of selected pages through your office? I would buy the two volumes if they are available, but I don't know where to start on that. They apparently were privately published and printed by Lewis Printing Co. there in Pascagoula. I saw the two volumes there in your division, and my cousin Reggie Bird had checked them out of your circulating division for me to use at night.

In the event that they are not for sale anyplace, and cannot be

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secured through inter-library loan, here are the pages I would like to order in Xerox from the library:

W. Howell Jackson, BY THE RIVERS OF WATER:

Volume I

Title page
pages 46-47
" 77-78
" 83-84
" 109-110
" 112, 113, 114
" 116
" 119
" 130-131
" 181-182

Volume II

Title Page
Page 93
" 98
" 172-173
" 242-243
" 250
" 498-499
" 502

My rough calculation on those pages, Betty, comes to about \$4.35, plus your staff cost for making the copies, plus postage. If any of this creates a problem, please let me know how to remit or take another approach.

Thank you for your assistance while I was there, and for your attention to this letter and some of the things I need. Should there be problems with this, please advise me on how to proceed. I hope to come back to Pascagoula next year but would like to be much further along on this family story than I am now! Thank you again for your generous assistance and interest! Please tell Jean hello for me and that I plan on coming back!

Sincere best wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday season!

Cordially yours,

Forrest Elmer Ward



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1810 Manchester Ave. SW
Decatur, Alabama 35603
(205) 350-9077
December 29, 1994

Ms. Jean Strickland
Pascagoula City Library
3214 Pascagoula Street
Pascagoula, MS. 39567

Dear Ms. Strickland:

I visited your lovely Library on December 28, 1994 looking for information on the WARD family. While there I talked to a lady about the WARD family and she was very helpful. Unfortunately I did not get her name so I am addressing this letter to you.

I left some material there for inclusion in the WARD family file. I told the young lady that I would send some more information and I have enclosed it.

If you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Thank you very much.



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Else Martin

From: Gayla Field [gayla2@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2001 11:39 PM
To: emartin@jgrl.lib.ms.us
Subject: request for help with Ward family

Hi Else,
It was a joy to speak with you on the phone today. Your help is really welcome.
As I mentioned, I found your name on a Ward website as I was researching my family. I was surprised to be referred to Mississippi. We were always from Tennessee!

I am researching my great-grandfather's family. From his daughter, my grandmother, I learned that his father's name was Thomas. His grandfather was Thomas, also. She thought that "further back" there was Zeke. There was always proud talk of "being English". Actually, there were no dates or places. There was just simply Tennessee...or Nashville, when pressed for more clarity.

I did always know the names of Papa's brothers and one sister. They were Lee, Wallace Jefferson, Thomas Benton(Uncle TB), Zue- the only girl, Steve Stepp Preston, my great-grandfather "Papa", Malcom and Vinnie-twins and Saffold, named for General Saffold.
I do not know birth dates and places or death dates and places except for Steve. I also knew that Papa's father, Thomas was married to Elizabeth Thorne. I sent for Bettie Ward's Confederate Pension Application and learned that she was, indeed, Elizabeth Thorne of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Through the internet I found Malcom's grandson. His wife and I are exchanging family information. She told me of the next generation back: Thomas senior and Caroline Reed. From there I was able to tap into the wealth of Ward information. Via queries--yes, I know this is second hand information--it seems that Papa's line goes back to Benjamin Ward and possibly to William Ward in Virginia, 1624.

Now, before I begin dances of exaltation, I am sensibly turning to the Pascagoula library to see what you may have on record that either affirms or discounts my line theory.
For other information that I can relate to help in your search; just ask. Maybe I can remember more.

Thanks,
Gayla Field

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Doug Coulter, Sr.

From: <Fewtroup@aol.com>
To: <dougco@telepak.net>
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 11:20 PM
Subject: Location of three unrecorded graves in George County

Hello Doug:

The unrecorded graves of my grandfather Henry Knox Ward, and two of his sons, are on the old home place in present George County. Two years ago, our family placed modern headstones with names and dates of birth and death, in the Methodist Cemetery in Shipman and we also placed a marker at the present gravesite. The original headstones have deteriorated quite a bit but are still identifiable. We also placed a marker at the Methodist Cemetery in Shipman, giving the location of the graves.

Please pass this along to those working to update the Cemetery Book so that these entries can be made. Knox Ward, my grandfather, died in 1904, one of his sons, John Randolph, died in 1897, and the second son, Loren Burke, died in 1914.

I am anxious to provide whatever information, directions, locations, or testimony from local family members to validate this request.

Please let me know as to the next step I should take to achieve this goal of our family - to register these graves in the Cemetery Book.

Cordially, Forrest E. Ward

4/22/03

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By Great,Great Grandparents;

James B.Ward ✓ Born in South Carolina
Elizabeth English Ward ✓ Born in Georgia

They lived in Dale Co.Ala. in 1850

Their Children and dates of death

John Jackson Ward	died Aug.12, 1900
Thomas Jefferson Ward	died 1859
James Madison Ward	died 1891
✓ William Joe Ward	died Mar.19, 1923
✓ Benjamin Franklin Ward	died June 19, 1923
Mary Ward, Lewis	died Mar.21, 1921
Monroe Ward,	died Jun. 7, 1907

Perry F/S

Buried in Bluff Springs Graveyard
June 9 1907

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Washington 25, D. C.

BLM 045226

J. Fillman

Memorandum

OCT 9 - 1957

To: ~~xxxxxx~~ Chief, Patent Section
From: ~~xxxxxx~~ Chief, Case Processing Section,
Branch of Field Services
Subject: Issuance of Patent on Private Land Claim

Please issue a patent in accordance with the information given below:

Claimant or Confirmee: Moses Ward

Certificate No.: No. 59 in List of Actual Settlers

Report: Commissioner Crawford's report of Jan. 5, 1816.

Reference: American State Papers, Duff Green Edition, Volume 3, page 33.

Confirmatory Act(s): Sec. 3, Act of March 3, 1819 (3 Stat. 528).

Description of Land: Sec. 11, T. 2 S., R. 8 W., St. Stp. Mer., Miss.

Area: 553.50 acres.

Plat(s) Particular plat of the claim approved August 12, 1827.

Send patent to: Samuel W. McIntosh, Att'y at Law, Nat'l Press Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

W. Hancock
~~xxxxxx~~ Chief, Case Processing Section

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WASHINGTON

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Feb 6-1934

1528781 "K" JPH
P.L.C. docket 428, Mississippi.

: Information re Mississippi
: land.

Mr. Goode Montgomery,
Title Attorney,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 23, 1934, requesting information concerning the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 18, T. 1 S., R. 9 W., St. Stp. M., Mississippi.

Abstract No. 12, by the Commissioner for the district east of Pearl River, shows a list of the actual settlers in said district, and No. 59 thereof is a claim of settlement by Moses Ward for land on the Pascagoula River, the settlement being made in August, 1808 (American State Papers, Gales and Seaton edition, volume 3, page 37). This claim was confirmed under section 3 of the act of March 3, 1819 (3 Stat. 528) and has been surveyed to embrace sec. 1, T. 2 S., R. 8 W., St. Stp. M., Mississippi, containing 553.50 acres according to the plat of survey

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of August 12, 1827. The records of this office fail to disclose that a patent has issued for this claim which is identified in this office under private land claim docket No. 428 Mississippi.

The act of March 3, 1845 (5 Stat. 740) as amended by the act of August 5, 1848 (9 Stat. 273) provided for the issuance by the surveyor general south of Tennessee, of warrants for deficiencies found to exist in the survey of confirmed claims and permitted the location of such warrants upon any lands in the State of Mississippi subject to private sale. Pursuant to these acts the said surveyor general on October 6, 1849, issued warrant No. 37 to Moses Ward for a deficiency of 80.50 acres in his confirmed claim above mentioned.

The said warrant No. 37 of Moses Ward contains a certificate by the Clerk of the Probate Court for Jackson County, Mississippi, dated December 10, 1849, which shows that John Fairley is the bona fide owner of said warrant No. 37 by virtue of a duly recorded conveyance thereof from Moses Ward.

On February 22, 1854, John Fairley located said warrant No. 37 on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 18, T.

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P.L.C. docket 428, Miss.

1 S., R. 9 W., St. Stp. M., Mississippi, containing 80.02 acres, which location was certified to by the Register and Receiver at Augusta, Mississippi, in the abstract of warrant locations for the year 1854. A search of the records of this office fails to disclose that a patent has issued to John Fairley for the said lands located by him, and there is no apparent objection to the issuance of such a patent. In the event a patent is desired the present owner of the land or a portion thereof, should file in this office an application requesting that patent be issued to John Fairley for the said land, together with an affidavit as to ownership of the land and a list of the names and addresses of the persons claiming adversely to the applicant, if there be any.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) Fred W Johnson
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August 17, 1888
The Pascagoula Democrat Star

IN THE SADDLE

From Our Traveling Agent and
Correspondent.

Howell, Jackson Co. Miss. Aug 13, '88
Editor Democrat Star:

After leaving Vancleave your correspondent crossed Pascagoula River at Graham's Ferry. This is five miles below the junction at Red and Black creeks with the Pascagoula. From the river our way leads through Pascagoula swamp for a distance of four miles, which I suppose to be the average width of the swamp of the river. This is one of the most lonely, yet enjoyable rides we have had. A dense growth of shrub cane covers the ground, o'er shadowed by magnificent forest trees of various kinds. The sun at high noon peeps down from his aerial throne through the thick foliage and steals an occasional kiss from the dark, upturned face of the earth. The hogs probe the rich soil with their muddy snouts, the fat cattle crop the growing cane by the road side, and the alligator, with stealthy motion peeps from lakes and lagoons upon us as we pass along the picturesque and lonely retreat.

Turning down the river we spend the night with Capt. J.M. Rabby, formerly of Mobile County, Ala. but for some years in the turpentine business here. Capt. Rabby and his kind lady know precisely how to take care of a poor, tired newspaper man, and we left their house much refreshed, and proceeded to "work up" the Three Rivers country. A pall of sadness was thrown over this community on the 8th inst. by the death of the little child of Mr. Wm. Howell. The little fellow was one of the two twin brothers, who was the pride of an aged father, but the angel of death has come and robbed the family of one of its richest jewels and left a gloom of sadness, which none but the Giver of all good gifts can remove.

Leaving Three Rivers we turn our steed northward and strike Americus with both feet to the tune of the Democrat Star. This was once the Capital of Jackson County. A postoffice and a small store, both kept by Mr. Ellis Fairbanks, now constitutes the business of the place. After giving "Cleveland", my faithful horse a brief rest, and treating myself to a bath in Cedar Creek, we dined off a five-cent watermelon and proceeded on our zig-zag course. A ride of fifteen miles with only one stop, at the house of Mr. W. E. Walters, where he kindly treated us to another melon and a cup of good coffee, we "fetched up" at Howell Postoffice, on Dog River. Here we spent the Sabbath with the Ward family.

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The Wards cannot be excelled for kindness and hospitality, and for witty sayings and droll expressions they closely rival the famous Artemus Ward. My next station is Basin.

Yours, collectively,

B. H. B.

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I plan on doing a 10-12 page article on the movements of the Ward family from the time in South Carolina to their settlement on the Gulf Coast in the various territories and states. I will send a copy if you are interested but I will not complete it for some months. If you can answer any of the questions above, or if you have additional information, I would appreciate knowing about it. I will do the same.

Regards,

Marge Marshall

PS--In the 1816 resolution you sent John Ward listed himself as a loyal American who always wanted the benefits of U.S. institutions. This is not true on the record.

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I plan on doing a 10-12 page article on the movements of the Ward family from time in South Carolina to their settlement on the Gulf Coast in the various territories and states. I will send a copy if you are interested but I will not complete it for some months. If you can answer any of the questions above, or if you have additional information, I would appreciate knowing about it. I will do the same.

Regards,

Marge Marshall

PS--In the 1816 resolution you sent John Ward listed himself as a loyal American who always wanted the benefits of U.S. institutions. This is not true on the record.

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March 18, 1992

Ms. Margie Ward Gatti
1322 Rainbow Dr.
Mobile, AL 36693

Dear Ms. Gatti:

Enclosed are the copies you requested. The cost is \$5.50 plus a \$5.00 minimum mail-order charge, for a total of \$10.50. Deducting the \$3.00 you have already sent, the amount you need to remit is \$7.50. Please make your check out to the University of Alabama. Also, please complete both sides of the enclosed form and return it for our records.

Sincerely,

Clark Center

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Technical Archivist

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December 26, 1994

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Genealogy Department
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Jean,

I am enclosing a copy of the bible record, that was mentioned in my last newsletter, for your WARD file. It was found in the family of Elijah Covington WARD's second marriage. Laura McGinley and Bob Doherty are the researchers who descend from Elijah and Laura received a copy of this record from a lady in Florida by the name of Mrs. Gore. I am also including a Xerox copy of a photo of Elijah and his second family.

This record is not completely accurate, compared to what is now known, but I still find it to be very credible. As cited in the newsletter, there is no mention of a Creek connection which would provide ulterior motives for its existence. Second, there are several variations from the traditional research that has been done in this family: names John WARD's wife as Elizabeth KNIGHT which is only the second place this has been found and that, the baptism records, did not surface until a few years ago; lists a son named William and does not list a son named Benjamin; and it names Henry's 1st wife & all of his children (it does not mention 2nd marriage & two of the children are by this union). Third, I do not think anyone could have made the connection to Griffin HOLLIMAN without family lore. If you have an opinion on this, or anything else in the WARD research, I would certainly like to have your insight on it.

I have broadened my research of the Jackson Co., MS WARDs and have information that will appear in my next newsletter about Daniel WARD, son of John WARD & Elizabeth KNIGHT. As far as I know, he had only been found in Jackson Co., MS in the tax rolls of 1820, 1824, & 1825. I believe he was the Daniel I found in the 1860 census of Perry Co., MS living with a LUCAS family and had an apparent wife named Elizabeth; no children. Bob Doherty says that he found this marriage listed in "Who Married Who in Greene Co., MS"; Daniel was listed as marrying Mrs. Elizabeth LUCAS. I have not been able to find Daniel in any other census reports, but there was an Elizabeth WARD living with Solomon STRICKLAND in the 1850 census of Perry Co. By the way, there are "LOOKUS" youths living with Patrick WARD in the 1850 census of Jackson Co., MS.

From a WARD standpoint, I think the newsletter has been very successful. We have a number of new contacts in various lines. I am getting better support from some of the newer researchers than I am the contacts I have had for a long time and that has been a little

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surprising. The BAKER response has not been good enough to really sustain it much longer. I had my doubts when I started and those reservations have been realized. I have been corresponding with Mary C. Rouse of Lucedale and she has certainly been doing her part to keep it going.

If you have any comments or suggestions I hope you have the time to respond. I am new at this newsletter endeavor and while the response has been very positive, I need more constructive feedback than I am getting from those on the mailing list. I guess I would probably be hesitant too. Please advise any interested patrons that the newsletter remains free to all WARD & BAKER descendants, whether they are family researchers or not, that demonstrate that interest.

Very sincerely,



Ron Jones

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AUSTIN, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 1994

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Forrest E. Ward
4018 Vineland
Austin, TX 78722

Dear Jean:

The last time I had the privilege of working in your division was October 1992, when I was in the county for the Ward Reunion near Shipman. Since then I have been slowly adding to my knowledge of the Ward, Breland, Felps, and Arnett clans who preceded me in this family.

I have a lot of questions to ask you but will limit myself to just one. I was notified recently by the Vital Records division of the Health Department in Jackson that a death certificate for my great uncle, Cornelius Ferdinand Ward, who died at home in Shipman on March 30, 1929, is not on file.

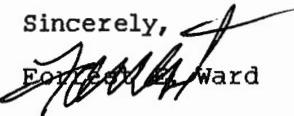
My question: Are there any coroner reports/death reports/funeral home reports available anywhere for Jackson and George counties and if so, what years do they cover? I notice that the JCGS has DEATH RECORDS OF JACKSON CO. MISS. for sale but am uncertain just what is meant by death records. It simply boggles the mind to realize that several of my kinsmen were buried without any record of any kind.

You will appreciate, I think, a little note on the window of the archives here last week:

"Due to the economy, the Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off until we can get more budget funds!"

In regard to my question, I suspect that several others in my family who have expired since 1890 are not in the records either and an alternative source for death certificate information is what I need to find.

Thank you for considering this request. I hope to be back down there for more searching within the next few months.

Sincerely,

Forrest E. Ward

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April 13, 1994

Forest E. Ward
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Austin, TX 78722

Dear Forest:

It was good to hear from you again. I'm afraid I am not much help this time.

I checked the George County death records, the Jackson County death records, the Index to the Death Records from 1912 through 1929 that are in the Archives in Jackson and the State Health Department and did not find a record of Cornelius F. Ward's death anywhere.

I also checked the weekly newspaper for that time period and found no obituary.

It is possible that many deaths were unreported until around 1950. I have looked for many and there are many that I have not found.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jean Strickland

Jean Strickland

P.S. I also checked what few funeral home records we have. There are no coroner's records that I can find. I have looked for them before + found none.

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SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13, 1992

Dear Betty:

On the same day that my recent letter to you was put in the mail (Saturday, Dec.12), I received an answer to my letter of inquiry on Burke Ward, from East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian. They have his records and that is apparently where he was hospitalized until his death. I didn't know of that hospital until you told me about it!

Burke was admitted on May 9, 1909, from Jackson County, Shipman, MS, on court order from Greene County. Official reason for admission was epilepsy. Cause of death on December 9, 1914, was listed as "Exhaustion from Epilepsy." I have no idea as to why the commitment order was from Greene County because Shipman was not in that jurisdiction, so far as I know. Meridian, of course, is in present Lauderdale County. Do you know if coroner's records are available for that county for 1914? The Mississippi Health Department (Vital Statistics) made a search for a death certificate for him in their records with negative results.

In 1961, I did some searching on this in the Courthouse in Pascagoula and found two different commitment forms in the records of the Clerk of the Chancery Court. On the first one, the six citizens from Jackson County who made the commitment included Sam Kilcreas, whose youngest daughter (Laura Sue Kilcreas Young, 74) lives near Shipman in the Cornelius F. Ward home across the road from the C.F. Ward Cemetery, and about a mile or so from Kilcreas Lane, site of her parents' home.

As Sam's name is listed first (others were J.C. Rogers, John Tilley, L.L. Vise, G. Logan, and A.T. Finch), he may have been the chairman of the group of citizens who made the commitment. He was also related by marriage to Burke, because Linnie Ward Kilcreas, Sam's wife, was a daughter of Cornelius F. Ward, who was brother to Knox Ward, Burke's father. The court order from Greene County could have been to resolve the family relationship. The first commitment paper is dated April 17, 1909, which seems to be consistent with the date of admission as reported by the hospital (May 9, 1909).

The reason I bring that up is the second similar document. It is just like the first commitment form, with Burke's name written in the blanks provided and it is dated September 10, 1908, and signed by six people I have no information on. Having searched the census and other legal documents for Jackson/George counties from 1820 on, I have some general familiarity with the family names but NOT these: S.H. Shannon, J.C. Nelson, A.C. Scott, W.J. Morris, Alfred Brown, and G.A. Stemper. They could have been from Greene County - but how to explain the discrepancy in dates?

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The two documents were copied longhand by me in the Jackson County Courthouse in Pascagoula in April of 1961 in the office of the Chancery Clerk. Top fold of the document has the number #1852.

The letter from Meridian on Saturday was a short one and was signed by Joy E. Kent, RRA, Medical Record Director. Ramiro J. Martinez, M.D., was listed as Director and the address was given as P.O. Box 4128, West Station, Meridian, with a new Zip: 39304-4128. The 'phone number is the same as the one you gave me.

I would like very much to acquire photocopies of all of his records, of his commitment, admission, medical treatment, his behavior, and of course, his death, while he was a ward of the State of Mississippi. This may seem farfetched, but if they have a picture of him, I certainly want a copy of that, also.

Does Mississippi have an Open Records Law? I hope so but we may not have to resort to that provided the hospital will release the information and copies that I will request. In this state, we do have such a law (have had for about 10 years), which is used mainly by newspapers to acquire otherwise unavailable documents from government agencies. There is a Freedom of Information statute at the Federal level which could be used. All of that would be time consuming and perhaps costly and it will be better if we can get the hospital to release the information without further recourse. Do you have any suggestions? Do you have a good contact at the hospital?

I cannot think of any legitimate reason why the information would be withheld. Burke was admitted 83 years ago and died 78 years ago and we in the family know of his behavior, including self-mutilation, before he was committed.

Your excellent advice on how to proceed will be gratefully received and appreciated. (By the way, I called your number yesterday to discuss this and the tape said your 'phone was temporarily out of service). I'm afraid that means you had already left for Norfolk to pick up your husband. If so, then this can wait - after all, it has been almost 80 years already!

Cordially yours,
Forrest Elmer Ward

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THE CATHOLIC CENTER
Archdiocese of Mobile

400 Government St., P.O. Box 1966, Mobile, Alabama 36633, (205) 434-1585

April 13, 1992

Mrs. Margie Ward Gatti
1322 Rainbow Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36593

Dear Margie Ward Gatti:

Nice to hear from you!

A copy of the baptismal record for ANA WARD is enclosed. Also enclosed are copies for PATRICK WARD and DANIEL WARD, the only other WARD records found in these archives.

Re your question about "Church of Sacred Conception", records at this time were in Spanish, and, translated, this refers to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. At you can see from the record of the signature on DANIEL WARD's baptism, there was a priest serving at that time by the name of CONSTANTINE MCKENNA. This is probably the "Constan" you asked about. "Casa" in Spanish is house or home. "Pasar" which you also asked about may be "fish" because in Daniel's record, it is indicated that they lived at "Rio (river) Pescao (fish)."

Hopefully this information will be of some value to you in your research. The fee for this service, set by the Archbishop, is \$7.50/hr., \$15.00 for two hours plus \$5.00/copy, or \$15.00 for three copies, making a total of \$30.00. Please make out your check to the Archdiocese of Mobile. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Zieman
Shirley Zieman,
Archival secretary

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John Ward

Source: A true copy of the original (photostatic) witness by my hand and official seal this January 17, 1957.
Langley Bell
Clerk Circuit Court
By Alta Westwash D.C.
Given to me by Betty Schuchmann

December 24, 1867
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Whereas the United States Government by Act of Congress confirmed to Daniel Ward Benjamin Ward and John Ward the tract of land hereafter mentioned and which came to the said Daniel, Benjamin and John under a Spanish grant then recognized and confirmed by the United States aforesaid and whereas the said Daniel Ward is now living but the said Benjamin and John Ward are now dead and the said Daniel and Tarleton Ward are brothers of the said Benjamin and John deceased and of the next of kin to the said Benjamin and John: Now know all men by these presents that we, Daniel Ward and Tarleton Ward in consideration of the Sum of One Thousand Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do now grant bargain sell assign and confirm unto John M. Ladd and to his heirs forever (all the said tract of land, namely, a Spanish grant confirmed by Act of Congress of the United States to Benjamin, Daniel and John Ward being Section forty Township One South Range on East in Mobile County containing an area of eleven hundred and seventy-five 90/100 acres: Bounded as follows north of Section four. A Spanish grant of Pierre Chestany fractional South East quarter of Section five. East of Middle River. South of Railroad land. Section 15 and School section number sixteen and West by Mobile River) To have and to hold unto him the said John M. Ladd and to his heirs and assignees forever. And we the said Daniel Ward and Tarleton Ward do hereby connate and agree to warrant and defend the title hereby conveyed against the lawful claims of all persons wheresoever except as to the other heirs of Benjamin Ward and John Ward, being the surviving brothers Patrick Ward and Henry Ward and their sister Nancy Childress wife of Bartholomew Childress.

Given under our hand and Seal this Twelfeth day of October 1867. Witness at signing

J. R. Mastburn
ABW Kennedy

his
Daniel x Ward
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his
Tarleton x Ward
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22 May 1992
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Pascagoula, MS 39567
Attention: Jean Strickland

Dear Ms. Strickland,

First I would like to express my appreciation for the prompt and very thorough response I received from you in February regarding the WARD family.

I received a message recently from Pat Edwards who informed me that she had talked with you. She said a WARD researcher had brought in copies of the Mobile Catholic baptism records of the children of John WARD to the library. You had mentioned their existence to me previously in your cover letter. I am hoping that you can now provide me copies of these documents and anything new you may have uncovered regarding the WARD family.

Pat also mentioned your present thinking that there was another John WARD. It certainly makes more sense to me as it would explain the many discrepancies found in this family. I descend from Elijah W. WARD of Walton Co., FL and I am still trying to find proof that he was a son of John. I am wondering if you may know the source of the 1810 year of birth I have found in several places for Elijah. The Elijah from Walton Co. was born ca 1779. The census says he was born in NC and I recently found family lore that states he was born in Ashland, Caswell Co., NC. This certainly does not "fit" well with the SC line of WARDs. There was another Elijah WARD in Mobile Co., AL in 1840 and I am of the opinion that there may be confusion among them too.

I have been in contact with Betty Perkins (formerly Schuchmann) who is helping Mary Childress Rouse revise the Childress Family book. Betty is still of the opinion that Nancy KNIGHT was the stepdaughter of Jackson KNIGHT and is a fullblooded Creek Indian (daughter of William Moniac & Polly Colbert). She also has additional evidence which supports Elijah as a brother to Nancy Ward CHILDRESS and therefore the son of John & Nancy(or Elizabeth).

Your help is appreciated very much. I plan to publish a book on the WARD family, probably starting with Elijah. I am in the process now of sorting it all out and trying to determine just how much to include. When the book is published I will be sure to send a copy for your library.

Very sincerely,


Ron Jones

Answereed
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requested.

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February 17, 1992
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Pascagoula, MS 39567
Attention: Jean Strickland

Dear Ms. Strickland,

I have recently been in contact with Patricia Edwards who referred me to you. I am researching a WARD family that settled in SE MS in the late 1700s; John WARD Jr. (III) and his brothers Benjamin, Daniel, and Joshua. There has been a lot of research on this family and a lot written. Unfortunately, I am not sure what is fact and what is fiction.

Pat gave me instructions to give you the following list of documents that I will need copied. She also suggested that I ask you how to get access to publications of the land records of St. Stephens.

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Dear Jean
Answer later
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| 1. FC pg. 243. | 5. HJK/F546. <i>Hurley County</i> |
| 2. DSGQ/1988 pg. 61 | 6. FP #949 (British grant
list). |
| 3. RW pg. 46. | |
| 4. FP #985 pg. 3 | 7. Ward family file. |

I am enclosing a check that I hope is sufficient to cover your costs. If not please do not hesitate to let me know. Your attention and help in this subject is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Ron Jones

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Ron Jones
438 Vernet Street
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of February 17, 1992 regarding the Ward Family.

I have copied each of the references that
you got from Pat Edwards. In some cases I have
substituted material where she is referencing
an index, I have copied the actual material.

I hope that this material will be of help
to you. There is a book which we do not have
in our collection called MERCHANT OF MANCHAK
which has considerable information on Benjamin
Ward in it.

There is much more information in the
Ward Family File but I did not feel that you
wanted the more recent generations.

St. Stephens land office records (Ledger
13) and others are being prepared for publication
by Marilyn Davis Barefield. I believe the book
will be out sometime this year. I have included
2 different depositions from Ledger 13 in your
copies. I am sure there is much more on the
Wards in it.

In the Mobile Catholic Records Archives
are baptismal records for 2 of John Wards children
John, Jr. and Ann or Nancy. These records are
written in Spanish and have not been translated
or published. They give John's wife as Elizabeth
Knight.

Good luck in your research.

Sincerely yours,
Jean Strickland
Jean Strickland

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JOAN PHILLIPSON B.A.(Hons), A.U.G.R.A.
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Historical Research Associates

Our Ref.

Your Ref. 5 September 1995

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Dear Hanson,

Since last writing to you I have undertaken your search for your Ward/Mulholland families.

After an extensive search I think the information we are looking for has been destroyed. Your ancestors were from the Parish of Ballyscullion and the Church of Ireland Registers were destroyed when the IRA blew up the Law Courts in Dublin 1922.

Your information- William M Ward was born 22 Feb 18¹²
Castledawson. He had a sister Frances who marry a John Henry Mulholland from Bellaghy and had a daughter born in Ireland in 1849.

I started the search with the marriage indexes - held in the Dublin Registrar's Office - Protestant marriages were by law to be registered from 1845. I searched to 1849 - nothing relevant for Frances Ward and Joseph Mulholland so it would seem they married prior to 1845.

Whilst undertaking this search which I extended to 1859 at this stage I noted a few Ward entries under the correct Registrar's District. I looked at them all but I think after further searching the following may be relevant -

Bellaghy Presbyterian Church - 29 March 1852 -

John Mulholland full age (21 and over) bachelor weaver of Tamladuff father John Mulholland to Letitia Ward aged 19 spinster of Tamladuff father Adam Ward weaver.

Is this the sister you mentioned but did not know the name of. Note she was born around 1833 and her father's name was Adam Ward.

The Bellaghy Presbyterian Registers do not go back far enough for the baptisms of the Ward children - William, Frances and Letitia.

I noted a couple more Ward entries in the marriages indexes but they were not children to Adam. I did not find a female

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Ward to a Kelly - you believed William's mother remarried a Kelly after the death of his father.

Castledawson Church of Ireland was formed out of Magherafelt parish but added to the Parish of Ballyscullion - these have been destroyed.

Castledawson Presbyterian exist from 1809 - Microfilm 1P/90.

I have searched these which are held in the Public Record Office as are all of the following records unless otherwise stated.

Microfilm 1P/90/1 Castledawson Presbyterian baptisms searched 1829 to 1835 - nothing for William Ward. Name Ward not recorded. Searched baptisms from 1811 to 1815 - nothing for Frances Ward - name Ward not recorded.

Castledawson Church of Ireland do not go back far enough for the baptisms of William, Frances and Letitia.

I have searched Magherafelt Church of Ireland - Microfilm 1/1A - baptisms 1829 to 1833 - name Ward not recorded.

I also searched these for the marriage of his parents - we do not know their names - however the name Ward was not recorded back to 1824. I also searched back from when Frances was supposed to have been born 1813 back to 1812 - name Ward not recorded.

You will note above that Letitia is recorded as coming from the townland of Tamladuff which is in the Parish of Bellaghy.

Griffiths Land Valuation - 1859 - Parish of Bellaghy - townland of Tamlaghtduff -

number 45a Mary Kelly leased a house from Julius Casement annual valuation 5 shillings.

If this is William's mother this information would suggest that Adam died before 1859 and Mary then married Mr. Kelly who also died before 1859. You believe William's mother left Ireland with her daughter - could this have been with Letitia and John Mulholland? You thought it was between 1840 and 1850!!

The Tithe Appplots are a type of land census compiled 14 October 1827 - I have searched these which are held in the Public Record Office -

FIN5A/47 - townland of Tamnaduff/Tamladuff/Tamlaghtduff -

Adam Ward leased 3 acres and his tithe was 8 shillings a year - this was a tax to the church.

I noted he also leased land in the townland of Edenreagh another 3 acres 6 shillings 10 pence.

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*Could this be so?
John? (1827-Townland)*

Townland of Tamnyarren John and William Ward leased 3 acres - 3 shillings 4 and half pence.

We have lost most of our census records for the 19th century - again destroyed in Dublin in 1922 - however those for the Parish of Ballyscullion exist for 1831 and I have searched these. Unfortunately they only list the name of the head of household and lists the numbers of males and females in the house.

Microfilm 5A/8 - Parish of Ballyscullion 1831 - townland of Tamladuff - head of household - Adam Ward - number 12 - 1 family - 2 males, 5 females, 1 male servant - total in household 8 - all of the Establish Church - Church of Ireland which you know have been destroyed.

Was this William's family? If so we know his father was Adam and you will note that the marriage of Letitia shows her father's name as Adam. It would seem the household therefore consisted of Adam his wife plus a son and 4 daughters as only 1 family was recorded at the address.

The next census which we have are for 1901 - too late for your family.

It is a great pity that the Ballyscullion Registers have been destroyed as I think this is where the family would have been recorded.

I have stopped your search at this stage as your allocated fee had been expended.

I enclose some information on the areas - Bellaghy, Castledawson, Ballyscullion and Magherafelt. *total 163.00*

At this stage I can not suggest any further research. You may be able to find something more at your end now that it would seem that Frances and William had a sister Letitia (Ward) Mulholland.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to assist you with your research.

I hope all is well.

Regards,

John

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AUSTIN, SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21, 1998

Dear Betty:

The enclosed letter from Joan Phillipson to Hanson Harbor may have some value for a genealogist searching that place and period. When I contacted Hanson a few years ago, I was more into the Wards already here and he was very much into those from abroad. I think he was a real genealogist and I wasn't! To make matters worse, he called me from Union one morning before I was really awake and I know I came across like someone who'd fallen out of his tree.

I hesitate to ask, but if the enclosure can be of any file or other value to your files or those of Elsa, will you please direct it to where it can be of value, if any. If it doesn't fit anyplace, it is a candidate for File 13.

Elsa suggested I look at her book on Jackson County families when I came by the archives that last day but I forgot to ask. That is my loss.

Thank you for all your kindnesses and help and I look forward to working with you again.

Warm Holiday Wishes,

Forrest

Encl.

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No 24 In the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & thirty seven, & on the second day of
October 2nd 1837. October, of the undersigned vicar general of the
R. C. Bishop of Mobile, certify that I have
performed the funeral ceremonies of the above
over the body of Patrick Ward, who passed this
life yesterday, being twenty eight years old. For which
whereof I have signed -

M. A. D. S.
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about the year 1770 there was a tribe of Indians moving South out of Tennessee into Alabama. There was a trader by the name of William Moniac and he married Polly Colbert, a Tuskegee woman of the "Wind Tribe".

Of this marriage there were three children, namely:
Samuel Moniac (who married Elisabeth Weatherford)
Will Moniac and
Mahoga Moniac (who married Jack Ward)

Mahoga Moniac married Jack Ward, and he was made a Chief, he went by the name of Chief "White Cloud". He was killed in 1814 or 1815 in Creek War, leading a band of friendly Creek Warriors.

Jack Ward was given a Land Grant in Montgomery Co. Alabama.

His wife (Mahoga Moniac Ward) was given land in Coosa County, "Hickory Ground Town", which is now part of Elmo County, Alabama.

Of this marriage 14 children were born, namely:
Elijah - James - William - Jackson - Susan - Eliza - Nancy - Peggy -
Polly - Tolbert and Tarlton(Twins) - John - Moses - Nathan.

These children were born in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida; because their parents Jack and Mary Mahoga Ward traveled extensively; he as- was a fur trader.

Some of these children were assigned land in Coop-Charts-tie Town, Clay County, Ala.

James and Elijah owned land in Jackson, Miss. *FLR*

William owned land in Choctaw Co. Ala.

Architectural sketch of Choctaw Co., Miss. June 21, 1921
Sketch of house at Choctaw Co., Miss. June 21, 1921

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Alex L. Bush

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THIS MAR 11 1868
LANGLEY BELL,
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
BY Moses Sheller D.C.

Alabamia Dist. County

August the 28th A.D. 1861

To whom it may concern

I am writing this for your information your mother, Elizabeth
Ward wife of Creek Indian I
am half blood and have full descent
I believe the Federal Government will pay
for the land that once belonged to
the Creek Indians in the near future
Or during your life time. I pray that
you receive all that you are due
and that you have some of the
things I missed.

Test a. J. Bell Rigel

James M. Collins
Justice of the Peace

Signed his
Your father
James P. Ward (s.)

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Wards & Bakers of the Deep South

A Family Newsletter - April 1994 - 1st Edition

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Prior to publishing my book last year, I was on the Prodigy network and the idea of a family newsletter was discussed among some of the WARD researchers. They were Deborah Biesbroek, Janice Ward, and Dolores Miller all of Pensacola and Barbara Prestridge of Tupelo, MS. Prodigy's rates increased drastically causing an exodus of many genealogical researchers including myself. In fact, it was at that point that I really began to concentrate on the manuscript. The newsletter never got past the discussion stage, but I still feel it could be an excellent way to stay in communication with each other and to reach even more researchers. One of the most difficult things for a new researcher to do is to find other researchers in their line. I believe the exchange of information is one of our most valuable tools and can save us many hours of research. I also feel the newsletter would be interesting to many family members.

Now that I am almost out of the book publishing business I have the time to see what I can do with this idea. This is only a beginning and it is intended primarily to elicit your reaction and feedback. My initial mailing list of approximately 30 is made up of people who were on Prodigy, other known family researchers of the "Deep South", and a number of those who bought my book who are not necessarily researchers. No doubt there will be many changes IF this gets off the ground. The success of this newsletter will depend heavily on the support of all of those in this first target group. Initially, my plan is to print the newsletter twice a year, Spring and Fall, and possibly expand to a quarterly publication. In the early stages there will be no charge and, if successful, I will strive to deliver it at my cost. If not successful, some of you will probably hear from me from time to time in this format.

This first issue will concentrate only on my research and correspondence of the last six months. Future newsletters will depend on your response and our growth; I will try to remain very flexible. The focus will have to start with what we know best, but I have accumulated data on several unrelated WARD & BAKER families that can be published. Last September I was very pleased that I was able to help connect Voncile (Bonnie) Smith of Pensacola to her Conecuh Co., AL WARDs. I am sure a lot of you also have data in your files that can connect others. I will include information on allied lines as long as possible, but will not try to publish those lineages. Eventually the two primary families may even have to be separated. Information for the newsletter can be in the form of family lineage, research information, interesting stories, queries, and announcements of family reunions and reports of their results, etc, etc. Just a reminder that no clue is too small too be published. As many of you are aware, a lot of little clues paint a much larger picture!

I think we have an outstanding core of researchers. While there are still questions for which we need answers, if any group can find these answers this one certainly can. Initially I would like your comments, any ideas you may have, and of course a lot of data. This will be especially important until our membership is expanded. If you send me any information in the future that you would prefer not to be published please let me know. If the reaction to this idea is favorable, I will expand my mailing list with the next issue. If you know of others who may be interested be sure to let them know and send me the name and address of any society or library that you feel should be included. As soon as we see that this endeavor will be successful I will publish a membership list. If you do not want your address published be sure to note that too.

I will look forward to hearing from all of you and I hope that your enthusiasm for this project is as high as mine. When I first began experimenting with the idea I was not sure whether I wanted to pursue it or not, but now that I have seen it I feel real good about it.

"The Wards and Bakers: Pioneers of West Florida" is sold out. I will probably try to reprint the book this summer. I will include corrections, minor revisions, and the loose leaf addendum. I anticipate that the price will remain the same even though the quantity will be less; some of my fixed costs will not be repeated. I would like to have a better idea of what the new requirements are before I reorder. If you think you, or other family members, may want additional

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books please advise me to ensure the books will be reserved. From experience, I feel that this may be the last printing.

So far I have not found what I would consider serious mistakes in the book, but certainly more than I wanted to see. In the interest of keeping the records as accurate as possible here are the corrections:

Page ii My phone number should be (214) 238-5369. (My face is red!)

Page 21 John B. CLARY d. 1923.

Page 27 Cathron M. BAKER b. 28 Apr 1889.

Page 82 Mary HEWLAND, wife of George Ward NICHOLS, did not die bef 1885. This was an assumption based on the fact she was not listed in the 1885 census with the rest of the family. She was listed in the 1900 census of Walton Co. Through census records, I was also able to determine that Mary was the daughter of Elisha & Harriett HEWLAND of Walton Co., FL.

Page 85 Corrie Celestine WARD - M.

Page 88 Louisa WARD m. J. A. ADKISSON. I had this surname spelled wrong initially, corrected it, and somehow it still came out wrong on all but one child.

Page 96 George Marchelos informed me that his Uncle William Allen WARD was not a Pensacola Fire Chief although he certainly wanted to be.

Page 106 Ellie OWENS - M.

Page 107 Chapel Lanier WARD m. 16 OCT 1943.

Page 121 Eva BAKER's Children - Louie & Edward are the same person; Add Robert Samuel who died in infancy.

Page 122 Elma Louise WARD b. 12 OCT 1931. Her son m. Jacqueline HENDRIX.

Page 146 & 147 Numbers 12, 13, & 21 should be 13, 14, & 27.

I want to thank those who have supplied me with corrections and additional information. If there are any other corrections that need to be made please let me know.

Bakers

Most of the research I have done since finishing the book has been on the BAKER family. I received a copy of a paper last summer from Isabelle Tolar, who is now living in Guam, that discussed the family of Daisy Reeves TROTMAN. (the author) I have been trying to separate fact from fiction and make some sense out of this paper. It was in need of more dates and places. It mentions a Catherine LANGFORD who married Daniel Starkes BAKER 1st and William Frederick INFINGER 2nd. Catherine was said to have been the daughter of Benjamin LANGFORD and Catherine WARD, but from census research I believe Benjamin may have been her brother. Daniel was said to have a son named after him and with the "Starke" middle name it would seem that they must be related to Starke BAKER of Walton Co., FL. I have felt, from census analysis prior to 1850, that Stark had a son and daughter for whom we have not accounted. I could not find this Daniel in the 1850 census, but he was in Jackson Co., FL in 1860 as Daniel. I have found no records indicating that his, or his son's, middle name was Starke or even has a MI of "S." Daniel & Catherine's other children: David, Rebecca, Nancy Charity, Mary, & Senna. Catherine remarried in 1865, Daniel is presumed dead by then, and she shows up in Walton Co. in the 1880 census with William INFINGER. There was a Daniel BAKER who enlisted in 11th Florida Infantry, Co. F of the CSA 30 Apr 1863 at Campbellton, Jackson Co., FL. I do not have his complete service records yet. I found a number of errors in this paper, but was also able to corroborate some of it. Still, I have not proven a connection to these BAKERS. Could this be Starke BAKER's oldest son?

Daniel BAKER, above, could possibly be the son of Nicholas BAKER who also has Jackson Co. ties. He was born in 1815 in Germany according to the census and was "keeper of the light." He bought land in Jackson Co. in 1827, shows up in Henry Co., AL in 1830, and is in Walton Co., FL by 1870. I have found no connections between Starke and Nicholas BAKER.

I obtained the service record of George BAKER, youngest son of Starke BAKER, from the National Archives. It showed that he enlisted 4 Oct 1862 Santa Rosa Co., FL in W. B. Amos' Co. of Partisan Rangers which became Co. D, 3rd Battalion Fla. Cavalry, CSA. It lists him AWOL, but I also found him in some miscellaneous unfiled records on a roll of POWs. He was captured by Federal troops from Barrancas at Marianna, FL 27 Sep 1864 and forwarded to New Orleans aboard the Steamer Clinton on 8 Oct 1864. I still have not found him in any census after the War. I wonder if his brother Murdock, who deserted the CSA & joined the Union at Ft. Barrancas, was one of those that captured him.

According to the 1860 - 1880 census records the mother of John B. CLARY, husband of Martha A. BAKER, was Nancy GIRTMAN. According to the TUCKER manuscript, Nancy was a COCHRAN, sister of Sarah COCHRAN. Could it be

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that she was a COCHRAN, married a CLARY 1st and a GIRTMAN 2nd and was widowed twice? I found Nancy living with David GURTMAN, age 74, in the 1850 census of Walton Co., FL, #176. This man can be either Nancy's 2nd husband or her father as it is impossible to determine from the census. Also listed was Joab, 42, and Michael, 30. David Girtman shows up in the land records of Holmes Co., FL in 1843 & 1844. Joab voted in the 1842 election in Walton Co.

Wards

After receiving my book, Jean Strickland, the librarian at the Pascagoula library, sent me a very nice letter. I was concerned with my treatment of the Creek connections in my book and found her letter very reassuring. The following excerpt may be of interest: "I am very pleased with your treatment of the Indian situation. It is a source of never ending discussion with me. I will have at least one patron a day looking for their Indian ancestor. In this area of the South, there were two lawyers who fleeced many people. Individuals were given fraudulent Indian lineage and charged a small fee. In turn the same lawyers collected a like fee from a law firm in Washington, D. C. This occurred in the early 1900s from the Choctaws and again in the 1940-1955 time period for the Creeks. Many of the Ward descendants come in looking for documentation of their Indian."

Josephine Lillian KELLY, wife of Henry Harrison (Wardy) WARD, was the daughter of William Crenshaw Kelly. The source of the additional descendants of these two shown in the addendum of my book is the Kelly Family Tree Book, also referred to as "the little red book." In the early 1980s, there was a Kelly reunion every year in Byrnevile, FL; I am not sure if it continues. I received this information from Theresa D. Marsh of Pensacola.

Janice Ward of Pensacola, FL sent me copies of the service records of Andrew J. WARD, son of Elijah W. WARD she obtained from the National Archives. He enlisted 1 Apr 1862 at Mt. Vernon Arsenal (Appalachicola?), Capt. Cawthon's Co., later Co. H, 6th Fla. Regiment. He was 37 years old. He was discharged 25 Aug 1862 at Knoxville, TN because an injury to a knee joint rendered him incapable of performing his duties. His physical description: 6'4", dark complexion, & gray eyes. George T. WARD, son of William M., and Wiley NICHOLS, brother of Covall NICHOLS, also served in this unit. Has anyone found evidence that Andrew's brother John also served? For those not familiar with these brothers, lore states that they were hung by Confederate soldiers near the end of the War. One of the accused was their brother-in-law Covall NICHOLS. Janice also told me that Andrew's son George, who lived in Escambia Co., FL in the 1900 census, is buried in Bagdad Cemetery, Santa Rosa Co., FL. Her aunt showed her the grave which has no headstone. George is the only one of Andrew's children that I have been able to trace past the 1870 census of Walton Co., FL.

Andrew J. WARD's wife, Mary or Mollie, had a one year old female named "Lawrence" living with her family in 1870 census of Walton Co., FL. I thought the census taker recorded the sex wrong until I discovered that Martha Baker CLARY had a daughter named "Lawrence" in the 1880 census of Walton Co., FL; in the 1885 census it was Florence which is what is reflected in family records. This may have been a common phonetic problem with the census takers.

I obtained copies of the Florida CSA pension application records of George Ward NICHOLS, son of Sarah WARD & Covall NICHOLS. It was dated 1929 and in it he stated he was born 1848 and served in the Home Guard of Walton Co. This was stretching it some and the State even questioned his age stating he was too young to have served in the Home Guard. According to the census, he was born closer to 1852. George, and his family, lived in Escambia Co., FL in 1880 with James M. WARD and then returned to Walton Co. before the 1900 census where he lived on the Shoal River. George, Mary, and some of their family are buried in Old Dorcas Cemetery. The dates on his headstone reflect the birthdate found on his pension application.

Also buried in Old Dorcas Cemetery is an Eligia Ward, 1848-1850. There were no other WARDs listed in this cemetery. I have never seen this child listed, but it would seem likely that he is a son of Celestine, John, or William Marion as they were married at that time. I checked the Mortality Schedule of 1850 and did not find him listed.

Deborah Biesbroek of Pensacola, FL sent information she found while at the Pascagoula Library. It is a Callaway Family Association Journal, but includes the family of John WARD III and Elijah WARD. Elijah WARD's granddaughter, Nancy Ellen CHILDRESS, married James Clifford CALLAWAY. The story excerpt that follows is probably familiar, but there is a little additional insight into the history: "Jackson Knight, an Irishman, and a blacksmith, was apparently residing within the Creek nation, near the Chattahoochee crossing, practicing his trade, as provided for in the 1796 New York Treaty between Federal (US) commissioners and the 'whole' Creek nation. Under this provision, the United States was to allow the Creek nation 'two blacksmiths and two strikers, with tools and iron' [History of Alabama and Incidentally of Georgia and Mississippi, From the Earliest Period, Pickett, Albert James. 1962.

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Birmingham."] My question is: were there blacksmiths there before the treaty? If not, this would seem to cast more doubt on the legend as Nancy is said to have married John WARD ca 1777.

Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL sent me a note in October that stated she is still working on the Childress - Ward book and hopes to go to the publisher this Spring. She has been working with Mary Childress Rouse who did the first book. As I understand it, this is a revision of that book.

Margie Gatti of Mobile, AL related to me in a phone conversation that she had found in a will that the correct given name of her Grandmother, Orelia NELSON, is Aurelia Mahalia. I hope I have that right as I have misplaced my original notes; Margie can correct me if necessary.

Several people have informed me of the death of Jesse Cawthon Turner. Deborah Biesbroek sent me a copy of his death notice and an article printed in the Pensacola News Journal. Jesse was the oldest descendant of Elijah WARD of whom I was aware. He died 21 Nov 1993 and funeral services were held 23 Nov 1993 at Crowder Chapel Cemetery in Mossy Head; he was 98 years old. According to the article (information given by Jesse's son Fred) and his obituary Jesse was Okaloosa's oldest veteran of World War I, one time manager of the Pensacola Singer Sewing Machine Co., a civil service worker, and a hardware salesman. Mr. Turner was said to have had a computer like knowledge of the history of the area and had studied his family history for about 60 years; he was a member of the Florida Pioneer Descendants. He was a member of the Crestview Church of Christ, the American Legion Post 75, & Masonic Concord Lodge #50. He was survived by his wife Dorothy of Crestview, sons Fred Beatty of Niceville and Emory E. of Pensacola, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

I think it would be of interest to publish short bios of some of our most senior cousins. If you are aware of someone and would like that to shared through this newsletter, please send me that information.

In another "package" from Deborah, that just arrived, comes a copy of one of three pages of the Pensacola Gazette of 10 Dec 1842. The papers are on microfilm at UWF. She could not find the WARD article in this issue, but did find the following: "*An aged couple*.-- There now reside in Walton County, about 75 miles from this place, a man and his wife whose united ages are *two hundred and twenty-nine years*. The old gentleman's name is Daniel Campbell. He was united to his present wife ninety-four years ago in the Isle of Sky, in Scotland. He emigrated to this country several years before the revolution, and was about fifty years old when it commenced. There were no neutrals then, and as Mr. Campbell had left his native country in consequence of the political troubles of 1745, he was prepared to take part with the colonists against the house of Hanover. He served through nearly the whole revolutionary war, but although very poor, he has not been able to avail himself of the bounty or rather of the remuneration which the pension laws have provided for the survivors of that glorious epoch, because before the passage of the act of 1832, he was, by extreme old age and mental infirmity, rendered incapable of making the declaration required by the law. He is now 117 and his wife is 112 years old." - This couple were the grandparents, according to information in my files, of Catherine Campbell wife of William Marion WARD. Also according to that information Daniel's wife was Effie McLEAN and they died one day apart, 11 & 12 Dec 1843, and are buried in Clary Cemetery. I find it more than coincidental and very interesting that this article appears in the same issue of the Pensacola Gazette as the WARD article was supposed to have appeared. Deborah also sent me the bounty land records of David WARD of Walton Co., FL which were quite revealing. He served in Captain Reuben Barrow's Company, 1st West Florida Militia during the Florida Indian Wars between 13 May 1837 & 12 Jan 1838; he was a private. This is in the same company that Elijah WARD served. David applied for two 80A tracts and received warrants #9019 and #25519. The disposition of the latter is not clear. It appears it was erroneously issued in the name of William Moore who sold that warrant. From these papers David's birthday is determined as 11 May 1797 and he died in 1859. This seems to rule him out as Daniel, son of John WARD of Bon Secour, who was born 20 Apr 1795. Deborah is now looking at the possibility that David was the son of Christopher WARD of Henry Co., AL. She still thinks that it is very likely that David and Elijah WARD were related. David's wife Ruth applied for and received a widow's pension 12 Apr 1894. David & Ruth's son David applied for survivor benefits 27 Jun 1903. In an affidavit he states that he was born on Little Alaqua Creek 17 Jul 1846; other brothers and sisters still living are Sallie WARD, Malida INFINGER, Jackson WARD, & Zackariah WARD.

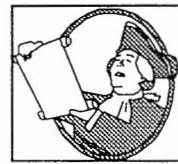
I would like to express my appreciation to those who have provided the information that made this first issue possible. The past eight months have been rather hectic and my organization has really suffered. If anybody has sent me any material that you wanted returned, and I have not already done so, please advise me and accept my apologies. Looking forward to hearing from you and publishing the next issue!

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This newsletter is about two months ahead of the schedule I had envisioned, but as I mentioned before the "rules" will be changing for a while. The response to the first newsletter has been very favorable, but I had hoped to hear from more of you. There have been some changes to the mailing list in both additions and deletions. For now the newsletter will continue on a no cost basis, but if you want to ensure that you will continue to receive it, and have not been in contact with me since the first one was mailed, be sure to let me hear from you. I have changed the line spacing of the main text of the newsletter from .167" (auto) to .15"; the font size remains at 10. This translates to about 7 additional lines per page. If I get too carried away and the print gets too small or too crowded I hope someone will please advise me. The number of sheets in the newsletter will be limited to three.

The opinions expressed in this, as well as past and future newsletters, are mine unless otherwise stated and they are not necessarily shared by those whom I have identified as sources. If you want your opinions published be sure to make your intention clear to me, otherwise, I will treat them as confidential. If I want to publish your opinions, especially those on major issues, I will get your approval. If anyone wishes to rebut any opinions stated, I will be happy to print those too; please make sure that is also clear to me.

I have had only three additional requests for "The Wards and Bakers: Pioneers of West Florida" since the first newsletter. As a result my plans for a reprint of that book have been put on hold. I did request a quote from the publisher for a minimum order of 35 books with 14 additional pages (the looseleaf addendum); based on this quote the price will remain \$21 which includes shipping. This quote is only good for 90 days and is subject to change. My main concern is that everyone that wants a book is included in this second printing as the possibility of a third printing is very remote. If you want books, and have not indicated that to me already, please advise me so that I can proceed with the order.

A book I became aware of just before the first newsletter was published is "Cemeteries of Okaloosa County - Volume I." This volume lists 24 cemeteries East of the Yellow River & North of the Shoal River. This is part of Walton Co. that became Okaloosa Co. in 1915 & is the general area the WARDs & BAKERs settled prior to 1840. Some of your allied lines may be in this area also. This book may be ordered from the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, P. O. Box 1175, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175 for \$12 plus \$2.50 for postage & handling. Volume II is now being readied for publication and it will cover the NW portion of the county; Volume III being planned will cover the southern part.

The last thing that I heard re "The Center for Gulf Studies" in Mobile, AL was that the building was now empty. It was headed by Johnnie Andrews and scheduled to open early last year. Does anyone have more recent information?

Bakers

In the book cited above I found Martha Baker CLARY, daughter of Starke & Mary BAKER, and her husband John B. They are both buried in the Sam Clary Cemetery near Laurel Hill. Martha is buried in an unmarked grave next to her son Thomas who died young. Mrs. Marguerite CLARY or Mrs. Annie CAMPBELL, who had personal knowledge of the cemetery, identified Martha's grave.

Mary C. Rouse is seeking information on Mary "Polly" BAKER, b. 1795 SC & d. 17 Apr 1873, Jackson Co., MS. She m. John Willis TANNER. Jean Strickland at the Pascagoula library believes that Polly may be a sister of William, Christopher, & James BAKER and Sarah Baker ROBERTS, who came to Jackson Co. from GA. Mary's address is in the mailing list. In her research she found the following early wills of Washington Co., AL: they are not connected to her BAKERs.

1. Will of John BAKER, proven 20 Jan 1840; wife Virtuous; children Isaac, Elizabeth, John, Francis, Frances, Caroline, Marinda, Amanda, and Daniel.
2. Will of Elizabeth BAKER, proven 19 Jun 1837; son William A. BAKER. (signed Elizabeth HILL)
3. Will of William A. BAKER, proven 23 Apr 1845; nephew Isaac W. BAKER.

Could this John BAKER be the son of Francis BAKER who, along with his father-in-law Isaac DUBOSE, applied to the Governor of GA for a passport through the Creek Nation 16 Aug 1804? Note the names of John's children!

I received the military records of the Daniel BAKER I mentioned in the last newsletter. He enlisted 30 Apr 1863 in the

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CSA at Campbellton, FL in a company that became Co. F, 11th Fla. Infantry Regiment. He deserted 10 Aug 1863, but took advantage of General Beauregard's proclamation and returned to duty 27 Apr 1864. The last record of him was a Nov/Dec muster roll where he was listed as being in the hospital at Richmond, VA. There were no injuries or illnesses noted & there is no record of his death, but I still believe it remains a probability he did not survive the war.

Searching for BAKER clues in Albert Pickett's "History of Alabama" I found several references to BAKERs. The first is only a reference to families in general who lived in the area in 1791. The BAKERs lived above McIntosh Bluff on the "Tombigby." Second: "The bloody Coosawdas, who lived upon the Alabama, were frequently out upon the Cumberland, engaged in the massacre of the settlers and the plunder of their effects. Captain Isaacs, the Chief of this town, returned, in 1792, with Elizabeth BAKER, a young lady from Cumberland. How miserable and lonely must have been the journey, with the sanguinary warriors, who bore the scalps of her father, mother, brothers, and sisters, daily suspended on poles before her eyes. When she arrived in Coosawda, the savages hung their trophies upon the council house, and danced around them with exulting shouts. But she found a friend in Charles Weatherford, who lived across the river. He ransomed Miss Baker, and placed her in charge of his wife, Sehoy, the half sister of General McGillivray, and the mother of the celebrated William Weatherford, who will figure in this history hereafter. The unfortunate captive ultimately reached her friends." Third: Pickett cites a Captain BAKER who served in Jackson's army during the Creek Wars and marched from Nashville to Mobile in August of 1814. Starke BAKER seems too young, if we believe the census, to be this Captain BAKER, but I find the timing and the TN connection very interesting. Most of Jackson's army was made up of 2500 Tennessee volunteers who joined the War of 1812 after the attack on Ft. Mimms. I have always felt that Starke, or members of his family, may have had some connection to this war. There were many BAKERs who served among the 2500, but I have found no Starke BAKERs listed in the indexes of that war.

In partial support of my theory above, I found a noncupative will of a William BAKER proved 19 Apr 1815 in Montgomery Co., TN. From evidence presented by Andrew DAVIS & John MITCHELL, who apparently served with him, William died 21 Jan 1815 near New Orleans while serving in the Army; this was shortly after the Battle of New Orleans. He wanted his brother Robert BAKER to have his gun; it also mentions his mother Ann BAKER & another brother James BAKER. William apparently never married.

I ordered and received the military records of Murdock BAKER, son of Starke¹. He fought for the CSA first then deserted and joined the Union forces at Fort Barrancas as reported in my book. He enlisted at Santa Rosa Co., FL 4 Oct 1862. The records I received from the National Archives show him present in Co. I, 15th Confederate Cavalry through 30 Jun 1864, but do not indicate that he deserted. He enlisted in Co. B 1st Florida Cavalry 1 Oct 1864 and his description was age 33, 5'9" tall, sandy complexion, blue eyes, & brown hair; he was listed as a farmer. Like his brother-in-law Celestine WARD he also deserted from Barrancas; 19 Jan 1865.

Starke BAKER¹ was first found in the 1820 census of Conecuh Co., AL; 1 M over 21 & 1 F under 21. There were no other BAKERs enumerated in that county; he is presumed married at this time. He is in Walton Co., FL by the 1830 census where he is also found 1840 - 1860. The first three censuses indicate that he was born before 1800; the last two indicate he was born in TN 1800 or 1802. His wife's name was Mary and she was possibly the daughter of John & Caty MORRISON who were also in that 1820 census and listed on an early Spanish census of the Escambia River. There were no other clues as to where Starke was born or who his parents were, except for the "Starke" given name, until I recently found what I believe is another clue. In the indexes of the FL Indian Wars I found James E. BAKER. He enlisted 5 May 1837 at Ucheeanna, FL, "on foot," into McKinnon's Co., 8th Regiment Fla. Militia. There is a note at the bottom of the index card which reads "Dead." At first this "find" seemed rather innocuous, but later after, I got home, I started putting clues together. Since Ucheeanna was in Walton Co. and all the known BAKERs in the county at that time were part of the family of Starke BAKER, I now feel this may be that last son of Starke, the oldest, as indicated by the 1830 census. Another bit of corroborating evidence is that Starke's son Henry had a son named James E. Now, if Starke's oldest son was indeed named James then there is a very good chance that he was named after his paternal grandfather. This is why I have tried so hard to identify this last son.

Assuming that James is the missing ancestor, that he was still living, and residing in TN, I checked the 1820 census index; there were seven James BAKERs in TN. There were also 12 STARK families, all in Robertson or Sumner Cos.; there were no BAKERs in Robertson Co. & 4 BAKER families in Sumner Co. There are three James BAKERs in this vicinity; one each in Sumner, Montgomery, & Davidson Cos. One additional thing came to mind; I have seen "James" before - "The Battle Hymn of the Bakers" (to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"); "Edward, Richard, John, and James were fathers of our clan....." Now, I have never given this Hymn much thought and before some of you start accusing me of smoking funny stuff, where my father sometimes thought my ideas originated, I realize that all of this remains lore and is very speculative. But, it does give me, and anyone who cares to join the hunt, a haystack in which to look for the proverbial needle. I will start with the common county, Sumner, and expand my search from there. By the way, this theory also replaces my prior speculation that Daniel BAKER above is that older son. Source and date of the BAKER Hymn is not known; source of the original Hymn is Julia Ward HOWE, 1862 NY.

FYI, I am finding a growing number of Elijah WARD & Starke BAKER's "neighbors" in the 1850 census who also fought in the Florida Indian Wars. This war was precipitated by the massacre of Major Francis DADE, and all but two men in his detachment, on 28 Dec 1835.

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A couple of years ago Wanda Baker of Lake Wales, FL gave me very sketchy information about a John & Gracie BAKER she had heard were supposed to tie into the family of Starke BAKER. John was supposed to be a Creek medicine man and Gracie a Creek midwife. I have never come across these two names in my research before or since receiving this information. I do not even know where they could possibly "fit" other than as that mysterious older son of Starke BAKER to whom I keep alluding. Has anyone else come across these names in their research?

William H. BAKER, son of Henry & Millie BAKER, and his wife Mattie PAUL had a fourth child; William P. BAKER, b. May 1891. He was the oldest and found in the 1900 census of Escambia Co., FL with his parents.

Wards

In the mailing list you will find the name of Dolly Ward. She has no connection, of which we are aware, to the WARDs of the Deep South. I met her on the Prodigy network a couple of years ago where I found her helping many people with WARD lineages all across the country. If you have a difficult WARD line outside of our scope you might want to write to her as she has a very large database and she is a delight to know. I spent a lot of time just "looking over her shoulder" and if she cannot help you there is a good chance she will know someone who can.

At the close of the last newsletter was information from Deborah Biesbrock re David WARD of Walton Co., FL and his service in the Indian Wars 1837 & 1838. This information coupled with additional information from Deborah re the widow's pension application of Ruth WARD, wife of David, has to be considered a real breakthrough in Deborah's research. This pension was first filed 26 June 1893 while Ruth was living at Chumuckla, Santa Rosa Co., FL. One affidavit filed by Ruth stated: "David Ward was Born in Edgefield Dist South Carolina and at the time of entering service was about 28 years of age 6 ft 1 in height black hair also black eyes Left eye useless occupation farmer Enlisted at Yellow River Fla Walton Co. Rcd 80 acres of Land But _____ and all other papers have been lost. Ruth Ward born Edgefield Dist SC the 14th Day of Oct 1803 there never was any application made for pension until May 1893. David Ward Died at Yellow River Walton County and at the time of his death there was present several. Jas Goodwin and J. M. M. Enfinger and others who are now living." Another affidavit stated that she & David were married at her father's house in Henry Co., AL 10 Jun 1820 by James Ward, minister of the Gospel. (This date as well as other places it was shown in the papers does agree with the Henry Co. record of 26 Mar 1826, but her age probably accounts for the discrepancies) Her daughter Harriet HOPKINS stated in an affidavit that David died 14 Jan 1858 and that she was present. Since no records or witnesses to the marriage were available, James & Narcissus GOODWIN stated David & Ruth did indeed live together as husband & wife. Ruth died 24 Sep 1899. I wonder if there is a story behind the "useless left eye?"

A very good friend of mine related to me that the name "Celestine" was common among the Alabama - Coushatta (or Coushatta) Indians in East Texas where he grew up. I have not seen this name outside the WARD family research and I found this very interesting. I had previously looked up this name in a book and found that it is French in origin, from the Latin word coelum, and feminine in nature; meaning heavenly. If you drop the last "e" it becomes a masculine form. In my book I noted how ironic it was that with his reputation for violence his gravestone was adorned with lambs. How's that for additional irony? I was not familiar with the tribes so I did a little research on their history. They were of Muscoghean stock and found among remnants of the Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw by 1792 at the junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers. They were friendly to the French at Ft. St. Louis near the present site of Mobile in 1763. This location provided the French a waterway into the heart of Alabama - Coushatta country. The Alabama and Coushatta tribes were closely related with the latter having a reputation of being less peaceful and fonder of fire water. By 1777 the main body Alabama Indians had migrated to the Opelousas River in what is now Louisiana. By 1790 the Coushatta had followed their kinsmen. From there they moved into the piney woods of East Texas (Big Thicket) in 1809 after trouble with the white settlers. In 1840 at the suggestion of Sam Houston, a friend of the Alabama - Coushatta, three chiefs signed a petition along with 42 white settlers citing the wrongs done in the disposal of their land. One of those chiefs was named Cilistine. (Source: "Sam Houston's Indians") According to some sources, Teen WARD's full name was Celestine Josiah (Joe Sower) Thomas William Augustus WARD. Joe Sower may have been a country pronunciation for Josiah, but one source reports that Sower is a Creek Indian name. William Augustus Bowles was an infamous Indian trader with the Creek Nation. Another interesting tidbit, that could well be pure coincidence, is that the only other place I have seen the exact spelling of "Cilistine" was in Otis Ward's paper "Looking Back on the Wards for the Last 100 Years." He made no mention of any Indian connections which, by the way, I find significant. Does anyone know when Otis wrote his paper?

A copy of the paper by Genoa Spence was sent to me by Deborah Biesbrock. This paper was undated and includes the WARD story that allegedly appeared in the Pensacola Gazette 10 Dec 1842 (shown in my book), the copy of the CAMPBELL story that did appear in that issue (also appeared in the last newsletter), and some of the lineage of William Marion WARD. I think Genoa is the original author of the WARD story and that is was not something she recopied. I do not know what her sources were, but in this paper it is apparent, at least to me, that the only thing she attributed to the Pensacola Gazette was the CAMPBELL story. Since the WARD story cites the BASS family, I would presume whoever wrote the story had those "connections"; Genoa did. Furthermore, if you compare the CAMPBELL story to the WARD story it seems obvious to me that they were not written in the same era.

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A copy of the following paper, which has been in circulation for some time, was also sent to me by Deborah. This was the first of 12 legal size pages of a ledger and the most significant. It was in the form of a diary and submitted to the Washington Co., FL Public Library by Eva Dixon Ward who also made entries in the latter part of the ledger. There are 24 entries by three different writers covering the period between 1840 & 1971. This page is titled "Ward Record 1840" and signed by Joe Ward: "My Grandfather was Jack Ward a fur trader. He married Nahoga Moniac and the children traveled all over with them. He was an Creek Indian and a Chief name of White Cloud. He was killed in 1815. He traded in Spanish Florida many years. My father was Jackson Ward and he remembers early trading trips to this Country. He told me the story of Capt. Blue and a Co. of Soldiers coming to Holmes Valley and destroying the town of Conchatte Micco. Known here as Chief Holmes as he and his band was hiding from Jackson's Army. Some of the families was fishing on the bay and the others hid out and only the town was destroyed. We came to Holmes Valley after the Battle of Horsehoe Bend. We farmed in the Valley and every year we had a Reunion and called all of our people together. My Father traveled all over Fla. Ga. and Ala. and he would ask all our kin and friends to be with us the first week in October and to bring trade goods. We always have Preaching and Singing. Our Postoffice was Rocki(?) Bluff and we had our cousins from Ala. come one was James B. Ward his Father was the one that married Elizabeth English and she was a fullblood Creek. All the talk is of being sent west but we dont aim to go." - John (Jack) WARD died of natural causes in November of 1813 (according to Thomas Woodward). Nahoga may have been a MONIAC as she lived near the Moniac (also Manac or Manack) family at Hickory Ground Town in the 1832 Creek census, but she and her two children John & Susan, named by Samuel MONIAC as the only living children of John (Jack) & Nahoga WARD in a 1827 affidavit, went "West of Arkansas" ca 1834 during the removal. Even if the name Jackson can be "stretched" to John, this John did not have a son named Joe as of 1834 and certainly could not have had one writing by 1840. John who was 36 in 1834, when he left Hickory Ground Town, had two possible children named at the time of removal: Suckey (F) 4 & Malinda (F) 2. By the way, I have seen several different names for Nahoga; Mahaga, Mahaja, and Mahala all thought to be phonetic variations. Another error in this story is that James B. WARD who married Elizabeth ENGLISH did not have a son named James B.; his name was James Madison WARD.

I asked George Marchelos of Huntsville, AL, who has researched the WARD family and is a historian trained in the examination of old documents, for his opinion of the above paper. He said: "The handwriting used [in 1840], however, was never like the copy you sent. This is 20th century handwriting. No one wrote that way then." In a letter to me a couple of years ago George explained that people have written in different styles in different historical periods. These styles are called bookhands and after 1840 and until 1900 the bookhand was Spencerian. George teaches, or taught, for the University of Maryland and included in the training was courses in the examination of documents called internal and external criticism. George also collects "old paper" and has become a part-time dealer attending more than 14 shows between the first of the year and the time I got his letter in June.

Barbara Prestridge of Tupelo, MS says that Robert D. WARD's middle name was David and that his wife's maiden name was McNEIL or McNEAL. Robert was the son of David WARD and grandson of David WARD. He is buried in Morgan Cem., Escambia Co., FL.

Margie Gatti of Mobile corrected me on the name of her Grandmother: it was Mahala Aurelia (Orelia) NELSON. For those interested in corrections for my book Orelia is buried in Pine Crest Cemetery in Mobile, AL.

In my book I did not include a marriage for Elizabeth WARD, daughter of James B. WARD & Elizabeth ENGLISH. Rex Hopson of Albuquerque, NM supplied me with the following information; there was no additional information given on Mary J. PURVIS.

Elizabeth WARD, b. 1836 Dale Co., AL; d. bef 1860.

She m. Rufus Jackson PURVIS bef 1850. Rufus, b. 15 Nov 1824 GA; d. aft 1880.

Children:

1 Mary J. PURVIS, b. abt 1850 AL.

2 George Washington PURVIS, b. 24 May 1854 Dothan, Houston Co., AL; d. 9 Nov 1930 Port Arthur, Jefferson Co., TX; bur. Knupple Cem., Silsbee, Hardin Co., TX. He m. Sarah Jane PURSWELL 1874. Sarah, b. 21 Nov 1856 Barbour Co., AL; d. 4 Jul 1905 Conroe, Montgomery Co., TX.

Children:

i Lydia Emma PURVIS, b. 28 Jan 1876 Old Waverly, San Jacinto Co., TX; d. 25 Nov 1970 Gatesville, Coryell Co., TX; bur. Mound Cem., Gatesville, Coryell Co., TX. She m. Reuben Hood HOPSON.

ii William Rufus PURVIS, b. 27 Feb 1878 San Jacinto Co., TX; d. 26 Mar 1957 Port Arthur, Jefferson Co., TX; bur. Oak Bluff Cem., Port Neches, TX. He m. Emma GRAY.

iii Joseph Benjamin PURVIS, b. 23 Dec 1880 San Jacinto Co., TX; d. 28 Jul 1949 Silsbee, Hardin Co., TX; bur. Knupple Cem., Silsbee, TX. He m. Zadie DENNIS.

iv Sarah Roberta (Bertie) PURVIS, b. 17 Feb 1883 San Jacinto Co., TX; d. 29 May 1973 Stephenville, Erath Co., TX; bur. Pearl Cem., Coryell Co., TX. She m. Eli Michael (Yack) HAMPTON 26 Dec 1899 Montgomery Co.

v Mandy Elizabeth (Lizzie) PURVIS, b. 7 Jan 1885 Witchita Falls, Witchita Co., TX; d. 16 Nov 1967 Kountze, Hardin Co., TX; bur. Knupple Cem., Silsbee, Hardin Co., TX.

vi James Chester (Chess) PURVIS, b. 20 Mar 1889 San Jacinto Co., TX; d. FL; bur. FL. He m. Minnie (____) 1907.

vii Minnie Adeline PURVIS, b. 7 May 1894 Boggy Creek, San Jacinto Co., TX; d. Nov 1967/1968 Houston, Harris Co., TX; bur. Brooksmith Cem., Houston, Harris Co., TX. She m. Thomas Oliver MARTIN aft 1917 TX.

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Dolly Ward gave Gene Welch my name and Gene sent me a letter that included the following information. His earliest known ancestor was Theophilus WARD who died in Darlington Co., SC 9 Jan 1819. In his will he lists his wife Elizabeth and children Simon, Rebecca, Savory, James, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Bedance, & Rhodie. Rhodie married Benjamin Smith and had a daughter names Harriett Deborah who married Robert J. WELCH. Theophilus had a brother named Thomas, born 1761, who left Darlington District for Conecuh Co., AL where he died 21 Jan 1841. Gene is interested in tracing all "cousins" that are related to his WARD line. There may be a connection to the Jesse WARD, son of Moses WARD, who settled Conecuh Co. ca 1817 and later Covington Co., AL.

This is a logical place to put some of Moses WARD's lineage as supplied to me by Wyley D. Ward of Huntsville, AL. Wyley has published several books, one on his WARD family in 1972, "The Folks from Pea Ridge", and two of them on the history of Covington Co., AL. Two brothers came to Alabama ca 1817; one was Francis who settled the northeast corner of Monroe Co. and the other Jesse who settled in Conecuh Co. Both had participated in the Georgia land lottery of 1805 from Washington Co., GA and they were the sons of Moses WARD. Francis & his wife Elizabeth had 9 children, 5 are known; Jesse & his wife Margaret had as many as 11 children, 8 are known:

1 Jesse WARD, b. abt 1783; d. abt 1838. He m. Margaret (____). Margaret, b. 1796; d. abt 1875.

Children:

- i Caroline WARD, b. 10 May 1813; d. Dec 1878. She m. James PAGET.
- ii Simeon WARD, b. 1814; d. abt 1893. He m. Martha PAGET.
- iii Moses WARD, b. 1816; d. abt 1895. He m. Ellen CHAMBLES.
- iv Vincy WARD, b. 3 Apr 1818; d. 4 Oct 1897. She m. William STUCKEY.
- v Darcus WARD, b. 1822; d. abt 1858. She m. Ephraim LILES.
- vi John E. WARD, b. 1825; d. 4 Apr 1862.
- vii Elizabeth WARD, b. 1831; d. TX. She m. James G. JORDAN.
- viii Foreman WARD, b. 1835.

2 Francis WARD. He m. Elizabeth (____). Elizabeth, b. 1787 GA.

Children:

- i Jesse WARD, b. 1815.
- ii John W. WARD, b. 1822. He m. Elizabeth BYRD.
- iii Sarah A. WARD, b. 1824.
- iv William WARD, b. 1825. He m. Martha CHANCELY 1847.
- v Elizabeth WARD, b. 1826. She m. John H. STOKES 25 Sep 1851.

In my book I did not mention that I had found an Elijah WARD in the 1840 census of Mobile Co., AL. Only the head of household is named in this census with a numerical breakdown of males & females by age grouping and it is read left to right; U5, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, & 50-60: M. 02022001 F. 1011111. Could this Elijah WARD have been confused with the Elijah WARD in the Walton Co., FL census 1840-1860?

More family lore: Aleta McElwain of Gulf Breeze, FL related the following story to me a few years back. It suggests the origin of the WARD family in this country; I believe her source of the information was Alan Ward, but I may be mistaken on that. When Oglethorpe came over from England and settled the colony of Georgia he brought with him prisoners to help protect the new colony in the Territory against the Spanish. Two of these men were WARD brothers who later escaped, married Indian women, and lived among the Indians. (Editor's note: James Oglethorpe was indeed a crusader against the debtor's prison in England and succeeded in freeing many men.)

Aleta also had a variation to lore of the WARD/NICHOLS feud I had not heard before. This was related to Aleta as "the way it really happened" and I believe this source was also Alan Ward. A slave stayed on with the Ward family after he had been freed. One day some of the NICHOLS boys were tormenting this slave. Andrew J. WARD intervened and was shot. When Teen WARD got the news at Ft. Barrancas his commanding officer gave him rations, rifle, and ammunition and told him to go take care of the matter; he did. Editor's note: If Teen got permission it had to have been "off the record" as he was later listed as a deserter.

Rest in Peace

Karen Patterson of Panama City, FL sent me a copy of the obituary of her grandfather Albert Reese PATTERSON Sr. He was the great grandson of James B. WARD & Elizabeth ENGLISH. He died 16 Apr 1994 just 24 days short of his 101st birthday. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, 15 grandchildren, & 10 great grandchildren. He was residing in Callaway, FL at the time of his death and was buried there. A veteran of WWI, he became the first mayor of that town in 1936 and served until 1958. He was involved in construction work as a brick mason and helped build the International Paper Mill in the 1930s. He was a member of the Callaway Historical Society and also a member of the North Bay Clan of Lower Muscogee Indians. He enjoyed Bible study, gardening, and knife making. Clyde Jones, the 3rd mayor of Callaway said, "He was a mighty fine man and a good friend. He was as good a man as I've ever known."

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Elijah/Wm M. Ward

* Also have a Stark Baker/Catherine Ward descendants.

I want to thank everyone who has supplied the information used in this newsletter and especially Deborah whose name keeps showing up everywhere. I hope all of you are enjoying it as much I am enjoying putting it together. I would also like to express my appreciation to Dolores & Foster for their thoughtfulness. I will need to hear from more of you as time goes by so I hope all of you will check your files and see what you can contribute to the newsletter. Please keep in mind that it may even be beneficial to other researchers to know what you have searched for and did not find.

COMING NEXT ISSUE: A new direction in my WARD research and a BAKER research update.

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I would like to see the newsletter published on a quarterly basis and would prefer to do it on a regular basis so that all of you would know when to expect it. I will have to continue to publish it as the material I have supports the effort, but if I can justify a quarterly newsletter I will make every attempt to do so. It is a little premature to judge the success of the newsletter, but so far the response of the WARD side of it has been far better than the BAKER side. I finally bought the new computer some of you have heard me talk about for a couple of years now. I had been putting it off until my youngest son graduated from college. I also invested in a HP ScanJet II page scanner. The latter will be very useful in incorporating photos and other items of interest into the newsletter.

The manuscript for "The Wards and Bakers: Pioneers of West Florida" was resubmitted to the publisher on 1 Dec 1994. I have been advised that it is taking somewhat longer than the usual 8 - 10 weeks which suggests that the books will arrive mid to late February. The book is now 174 pages long which reflects the inclusion of the loose leaf addendum. To keep changes at a minimum the addendum was kept as an addendum except for minor changes. The font size of the index is one size smaller. Corrections and additions have been made from the input I have received from everyone. Two photos have been squeezed into the BAKER lineage; John Berryman & Martha Baker CLARY and the family of James Starke Baker & Mary Heneretta Fountain CLARY. These were sent to me by Dennis Helms of Crestview, FL. One photo of Deborah Biesbroek has been added in the WARD lineage; picture of Sis NICHOLS has been removed to include more NICHOLS lineage. The price of the book will remain \$21.00 postage paid and I will begin accepting payment 1 Jan 1995. I have ordered 35 books of which 20 are committed to those who have indicated that they wanted books. The remaining books are available on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bakers

From "British Burials and Births on the Gulf Coast: Records of the Church of England in West Florida: 1768-1770" by Winston De Ville: Silas, son of John & Rebecca BAKER, of the 31st Regiment of Foot, was buried 11 Sep 1768. In the introduction Mr. De Ville states that John BAKER was to become the ancestor of a vast clan and in their trek west he was also to become one of the pioneer families of early Texas. He posed the question of whether these Englishmen remained in the South after English West Florida became Spanish West Florida. "Indeed, many did. Our impression is that most of the families did not remain in the Pensacola area, but rather quickly became the earliest English settlers on the Mississippi River and, especially, in southwest Louisiana." He also mentions that one of John BAKER's descendants was the eminent genealogist Dr. Jean Stephenson, F.A.S.G. (I have no further information on this lineage)

There was also a John BAKER who had a grant of 1600 acres on the Tombigbee. According to the Spanish Catholic baptism records of Mobile, which I have not seen myself, his wife was Isabel MOSLEY and two daughters were named Catalina & Isabelle. This may have been the John BAKER referred to in "Old St. Stephens Land Records." He was an Englishman residing in St. Stephens and was a master of a royal barge. He was granted land in Mobile 4 May 1798 by Gayoso on Royal St. bounded by Cornelius DUNN.

I received the military record of James E. BAKER from the National Archives and it was very disappointing. It did not reflect much more information than was on the index card mentioned in the last newsletter. James appeared on a Company Muster Roll for the period 12 Mar 1837 to 12 Jul 1837 for service in the Florida Indian War; it was dated 15 Jan 1838. This was Capt. McKinnon's Co., 8th Reg't Florida Militia, and was the only Roll on file for this organization. He enlisted at Eucheeanna, FL 5 May 1837; under remarks was, "Joined 5th of May on foot Dead." It is still my opinion that this man was probably the oldest son of Starke BAKER.

Some of you may be interested to know the origin of the name of the town of Eucheeanna, the first Scotch settlement of Walton Co., FL. Dolores Miller sent me excerpts from "Some Who Passed This Way" which explained that it was derived from combining the Uchee Indian name with Anna. Judge Daniel McLEOD was a prominent educator of Walton Co. who had married Catherine McLEAN. Catherine's mother was named Anna and she was the first white woman to live there.

I ordered and received the land record of Starke BAKER from the Bureau of Land Management. This is land he bought near Oak Grove on the Yellow River in Walton Co., now Okaloosa Co., FL. These files can sometimes offer a lot genealogical information and I was hoping to find a clue in this one; I did not. Certificate #7931 for Starkes BAKER dated 14 Mar 1839, Tallahassee, FL: E. 1/2 SW 1/4 Sect. 9, Township 5 of Range 23 N & W containing 79 97/100 acres at \$1.25/acre - \$99.96.

I have done considerable research during the past few months on my Tennessee BAKER theory that I mentioned in

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the last newsletter. To recap that theory a little, it is my feeling that Starke BAKER of Walton Co., FL may have been the son of a James BAKER and that his mother was a STARK(E). My hope was to find the two families together in the census or in other official records. Most of the early county records of Tennessee were transcribed during the WPA project and was the source of much of my research.

1. There were seven James BAKERs in the 1820 census index. Only two would seem to "fit" as Starke's father; one in Wilson Co. & one in Montgomery Co. Of these two only the latter is in the vicinity of the 12 TN STARK families found in Sumner & Robertson Cos.
2. There are early 1800 wills for two James BAKERs; one in Jefferson Co. in 1801 & one in Carroll Co. in 1829. Neither indicates a Starke BAKER or a STARK connection.
3. There are two early 1800 wills for STARKS; one for Thomas in Robertson Co. in 1800 & one for John in Sumner Co. in 1814. Only the latter names daughters, but neither indicate a BAKER connection. All the STARKs in this area probably descend from these two men.
4. The closest link of the two families I was able to find was a John BAKER who owned land on Parson's Creek and in Port Royal in Montgomery Co. This is near the Robertson Co. border.
5. The earliest records of BAKERs in TN were in the early tax lists; John & Isaac in Montgomery Co. in 1798 and Charles & Morris in Sumner Co. in 1796. The earliest mention of BAKERs I have found is of a John BAKER who came to the Cumberland area with 20 adventurers from NC & VA to hunt in 1769; he later returned and is possibly the John in Montgomery Co.
6. The earliest will for a BAKER in this area was that of Charles BAKER probated in Aug 1796 Davidson Co., TN. It lists wife Elizabeth and children, Zachariah, Isaac, Nancy CONSTABLE, Betsy BALL, Charity PERRY, & Nathan.
7. The only place I have ever seen a BAKER/STARK connection was in a DAR record of Robert STARK Jr. who died before 1 Oct 1830 Columbia, SC; his third wife was Grace BAKER.

Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL has a BAKER lineage and while it does not qualify as "Deep South", it is very interesting nonetheless. Joshua BAKER was an Indian fighter from NC who lived in KY during Daniel BOONE's time. He married Mary (Polly) CALLAWAY in 1790 in Jessamine Co., KY at the home of Flanders CALLAWAY & Jemima BOONE, daughter of Daniel BOONE; Flanders was Polly's brother. Joshua & Polly had a daughter named Pamela who married Richard H. ORR, Betty's Gr' Grandparents. The CALLAWAYS migrated to Baldwin Co., AL by 1854; the ORRS by 1917.

Richard BAKER Esq. & his wife Elizabeth emigrated to SC from Barbados; in 1681 he received a grant for 297 acres on the Ashley River. He died in Berkeley Co. ca 1698. Children: William, Edward, Richard, John, Elizabeth, Hannah PALMER, & Jane CANTEY. William BAKER married Susannah ROWSHAM and they had four children; a daughter Elizabeth who married Edmund BELLINGER & son Richard who married Mary BOHUN, first, in 1723. Children: Elizabeth, William, Mary, Susannah, Margaret, & Richard Bohun. Richard married second to Mary QUARTERMAN in 1738. Children: Ann, Rebecca, & Esther. The latter married Thomas BAKER in 1766; I mention this to pose the possibility of a "Quarterman BAKER" from this lineage. Rev. Robert Quarterman BAKER was a Presbyterian minister from Liberty Co., GA who graduated from Oglethorpe College. He was on the commission that organized the first church at DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co., FL and was its first pastor. A solid brick foundation cost \$358.00 and work ceased for a while as the people did not want to go into debt. I have seen no other possible connections to the BAKERs of Walton Co., but someone out there may be able to fill in the blanks of this potential link. Source of the SC lineage is the Testimony of Mary L. BELLENGER dated 1796, "Biographical Sketches of the SC House of Representatives", and SC Wills; source of the Walton Co. info is "The History of Walton Co." by McKinnon.

Mary Rouse sent me some early BAKER records she found in Cain's "Four Centuries on the Pascagoula." The first was a memorial to congress dated 1 Feb 1816 by the citizens of Mobile, Jackson, & Hancock Cos. expressing their dissatisfaction with the handling of land claims; among the signers were James, Will, & William BAKER and John Patrick, Moses, & Tatton WARD. Second was a petition by the citizens of Jackson Co., MS Terr., dated 11 Dec 1816; among the signers were Charles, James, & William BAKER, no WARDS. Also, among those from Jackson & George Cos. who served in the War of 1812 was William BAKER; in 1816 a William BAKER was an ensign in the State Militia.

Wards

If Elijah W. WARD of Walton Co., FL was not the son of John WARD of Bon Secour, as I believe, then what do we have on which to base new research? On 12 Dec 1808 passports through the Creek Nation were issued to John & William COCKRAN, Hardy COWARD, and Samuel SLADE, with their families, by the Governor of GA. This is not new information, but I feel this is one of our best clues since it was almost unheard of for families to travel alone at that point in history, especially through Indian country. We should be able to assume that these families were friends, if not family, and likely came from the same area. William married Sarah EDMONDSON 5 Aug 1780 in Henry Co., VA where William also enlisted in the Revolutionary War. Elijah W. WARD married William COCHRAN's daughter Sarah 4 Apr 1816 in Clarke Co., AL. We also know the will of William COCHRAN suggests that Elijah worked for him as an overseer. I have to assume the premise that they were acquainted prior to coming to AL. Elijah was born in NC ca 1779 according to the census and bounty land applications; according to some lore reported to Merline Booher they came from Ashland, NC. This is a very small town located in Caswell Co. near the Rockingham Co. border and is not found on all maps; Henry Co., VA also borders Rockingham Co. If William was a minister in VA, as he was in AL, then it would probably be safe to assume that he moved around. I know from research on my

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JONES line that most migration patterns were from VA to NC in the early 1800s so assuming Elijah knew the COCHRANs before coming to AL, it is more likely to have been in NC. If it were the other way around we are in deeper trouble as there are only fragments of censuses in VA prior to 1820; most are based on early tax lists. The middle names of Elijah's two oldest sons was Marion & Melvin and I also believe these names may be clues. With these premises I began looking for a second "haystack" to search for a proverbial needle; I focused on the 1800 NC census with an emphasis on Caswell Co.

There is no Elijah WARD listed in the 1800 census of NC. This is not surprising since he would not be married unless there was a marriage prior to Sarah COCHRAN. I have not ruled out this possibility. Although some WARDs appear in the early records of Caswell Co., none appear in the census there until 1810; Camiel WARD. There is a William WARD who appears in the 1790 & 1800 census of Rockingham Co.; the latter 21001 - 22101 & Elijah who is about 21 does not appear in this family. There is a Campbell WARD there in 1810 which seems somewhat significant since Elijah WARD's oldest son William married a CAMPBELL and some of the CAMPBELLS of Walton Co., FL were born in NC. There are four COCHRON & three SLADE families in Caswell Co., in 1800; no William COCHRAN or Samuel SLADE. One of the COCHRON families was John Jr. & he could be one of the men we are seeking. Mary Anderson of CA found a 1817 Caswell Co. marriage record for Jacob HUGINS & Susanna WARD; bondsman was John WARD & witness was Thomas SLADE. She also found a 1822 inventory of Thomas SLADE's goods; sales to James, Hugh, & Nancy WARD. There were pre 1815 Caswell Co. marriage records for George, Richard, Richard C., & Thomas WARD; no clues found. There are two William & two John COCKRANS in NC 1800; one of each in Mecklenburg Co. and neighboring Cabarrus Co. Both Williams have a female who could be Sarah who would be age 1 or 2. Two of John's sons were born in NC according to the 1850 census of Robertson Co., TN and they would also fit either John. The only Samuel SLADE in NC 1800 was in Beaufort Co. and there was no Hardy COWARD. There are no WARDs in Cabarrus Co., but there are two families in Mecklenburg Co.; John, 00101 - 22101 & William, 21010 - 11010. Elijah could be the younger male in John's family. There is no William or John COCHRAN nor John WARD in the 1810 NC census index. I found no WARD marriages records in Mecklenburg Co., NC. Conclusion: The Caswell Co. connection is weak as is the possible connection to the SLADE & COWARD families. I believe that Mecklenburg Co., NC offers us our best opportunity. If you have any thoughts on my theory, pro or con, I would like to hear from you.

In a letter from Wyley D. WARD two years ago he offered the following opinion and information: "It was certainly your Elijah WARD in Covington in 1830. At that time the settlers in Florida were having lots of trouble with the Indians and some of them moved back into Alabama to graze their cattle. James and Eli WARD who lived in Covington were brothers and they both married daughters of Holland M. HOGG. Eli WARD died early, but both of them left large families in Covington and many of their descendants still live there. The James M. WARD who lived in Covington for a short time [1830 census] was from the Henry or Dale County WARDs." The James WARD family as found in the 1850 census: James 50 b. SC, Eviline, 40 b. GA, Lorenzo 20, Elizabeth 18, Martha 17, Eli 13, James 11, Rebecca 9, Josephine 7, William 1/12, & Nancy 75 (mother?). All children born in AL. I found this information early in my research and at one time I thought that this Nancy may be the legendary Nancy KNIGHT.

Nancy Ann, daughter of John WARD of Bon Secour, married Bartholomew CHILDRESS. Bartholomew had a brother named William and according to some research in this family William married an Elizabeth WARD. There has also been some attempt to connect Elizabeth to John WARD. William's wife died before the 1850 census so it is difficult to identify her. Mary Childress Rouse, who has written a book on the CHILDRESS family, has researched the WARD family because her grandfather told her in the 1950s that she was a WARD. In a letter from Mary dated 25 Jun 1994: "I still firmly believe my William Childress married Nancy Eleanor DAVIS, daughter of George and Elizabeth Lanier DAVIS. My work is not documented. I worked for years on the Wards. I failed to find an Elizabeth WARD who could have been William's wife." Other possible connections to the children of the George DAVIS family: Hannah DAVIS m. Moses WARD, Elizabeth DAVIS m. Patrick WARD, and Samuel DAVIS m. (2) Alvira WARD.

In a letter to J. J. Hooper, Esq, dated 13 Jun 1858 Thomas Woodward related the following excerpt. I know a number of you have this book, but the rest my find the story interesting: "Some years before the Creek war, and when I was quite a youngster, I made occasional visits to the Ocmulgee river, which was then the line between the whites and the Indians. The Indians claimed half the river, and in spring or shad-catching time the Indian would flock from all parts of the nation in great numbers to the Ocmulgee. They could be seen at every shoal as high up the river as the shad could run, down to the Altamaha, for the purpose of fishing. On one of my trips to Old Fort Hawkins, I became acquainted with an Indian countryman by the name of John Ward; and the first time I ever visited the Creek agency, which was then on the Flint River, was in company with Ward, an old uncle of mine, and one Andrew McDougald. Col. Hawkins was then holding council with some chiefs from various parts of the nation. I met with Ward occasionally from that time until the war commenced. When Gen. Floyd moved his troops to Flint River, Ward was the interpreter for the officer that was in command at Fort Manning. He then came into Gen. Floyd's camp, and remained with the army until it reached the Chattahoochee, and commenced building Fort Mitchell. He was often sent out with Nimrod Doyle as a spy. There was also an Indian countryman along by the name of Bob Mosely. Mosely's wife was the niece of Peter McQueen. Ward's wife was a relation of Daniel McDonald, more generally known to the whites as Daniel McGillivray, and both of their wives were then with the hostile Indians. Ward and Mosely seemed willing to risk any and everything to reach the neighborhood of their families. There was a detachment of soldiers sent out to Uchee creek, to throw up a breastwork. I was one of the party, and among the rest was a Baptist preacher by the name of Elisha Mosely, a very sensible and most excellent man at that, and as grave as men ever get to be; for he

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could pray all night and fight all day, or pray all day and fight all night, just as it came his time to do either; and this preacher was a brother to Bob Moseley, the Indian countryman. While at this breast-work, one night, by a campfire, I listened to Elijah Moseley inquiring into his brother's motives for leaving a white family and making his home among a tribe of savages. Bob's reply was, as well as I now recollect, that there was no false swearing among Indians. The preacher then commenced making some enquiry into Ward's history. Ward informed him that his father had taken him into the Creek nation near where Oweatumka or Wetumpka now stands, when he (Ward) was a child, and shortly after died, and that he recollects very little of his father; that he had been raised by Daniel McDonald, or McGillivray, as he was commonly called; that he heard McDonald say that his father was a Georgian, and had left a wife and children in that State. Ward's history, as far as it went, soon became known in camp; and some one in camp, that had heard of Ward's father quitting his family and disappearing with one of his children, and knowing something of the Wards in Georgia, looked at John Ward and said, from the near resemblance of him and a Georgia Ward, they must be brothers. The Georgia brother was written to, and in a few weeks, made his appearance in camp. In this time, the Indian Ward, from exposure, had fallen sick, and was very low. The Georgia brother came into camp one night, and the next morning John Ward was a corpse - though John was perfectly rational on the arrival of his brother and, before he died, knew who he was. They proved to be twin brothers. A very intimate acquaintance of yours messed with me at the time, and Ward frequently messed with us. It was Capt. Arnold Seals, of Macon county, Ala. Ward died in one of the tents of Adams' riflemen, and Elijah Moseley was his nurse. The most feeling pulpit talk I ever heard dropped from the lips of Elijah Moseley, in a soldier's tent, on the death of John Ward. Ward left one son. John, though raised among the Indians, spoke our language very well. John's mother was a Tuskegee. He was entitled to a half section of land, under the treaty, and was enrolled among the Tuskegees. He was a floater, under the treaty, but by the permission of Col. Albert Nat. Collins, of Macon county, and myself, he located him a tract in the fork of the Coosa and Tallapoosa. I think he sold to Col. George Taylor. The Indian countryman, John Ward, died in 1813. His remains rest on the hill just above old Fort Mitchell." In another letter Woodward spoke of Col. John Crowell, an Indian Agent: "He was an old and intimate friend. He sleeps upon Fort Mitchell Hill, where rest a crowd that no one need be ashamed to be picked up with, in a coming day." In another interesting note Woodward said that Sam Moniac married Betsy (Elizabeth) Weatherford, the daughter of Charles Weatherford & Sehoy McPherson and sister of William (Red Eagle) Weatherford who attacked Fort Mimms. (Source: Woodward's Reminiscences) This John Ward is the one thought to have married Nahoga. I might add that James B. Ward, of Dale Co., AL, served as a spy for Major Patton at Fort Mitchell in 1814. Since James also has Georgia ties, could there be a connection?

I received a phone call from Bob Doherty of Decatur, AL just prior to the last newsletter. Bob and his cousin Laura McGinley descend from Elijah Covington WARD and have done some fine work on their lineage. Elijah was living with James Spruell CALLAWAY & Eliza Rosetta NELSON in the 1860 census of Baldwin Co., AL. In 1880 he is found in Greene Co., MS and finally in Jackson Co., FL with his second wife Missouri. The bible records shown below confirm that Elijah was a son of Henry WARD of Jackson Co., MS. In an attempt to verify the records I found "Elijah", age 19, but not listed as a WARD, was indeed living w/Griffin HOLLMAN in the 1850 census of Perry Co., MS. Griffin was listed as a farmer age 54 and born NC, w/real estate valued at \$12,000. Bob and I are now convinced that this is his Elijah. Bob has also sent me photos of Elijah, Missouri, & their two daughters, Elvira & Pauline, and cemetery markers for Elijah & Serena. Elijah's marker bears the inscription "A friend to his country and a believer in Christ."

- 1 Elijah Covington WARD, b. 16 May 1832 in Jackson Co., MS; d. 6 May 1921 Jackson Co., FL; bur. Cypress Baptist, Cem. He m. (1) Serena BUSBY 17 Jul 1860 Mobile, Mobile Co., AL; they divorced (?). Serena, dau. of Wm BUSBY & Lou ENNIS, b. 18 Apr 1843 Clarke Co., MS; d. 11 Oct 1917 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS; bur. Oaklawn Cem. Children:
 - i William Henry WARD, b. on 17 Dec 1861. He m. Margaret Melissa BYRD 6 May 1884 in Greene Co., MS.
 - ii Louise Anna WARD, b. 25 Apr 1865.
- iii Mary Alice WARD, b. 19 Feb 1867 in Whistler, AL; d. 23 Feb 1913 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS; bur. Oak Lawn Cem. She m. Michael O. DOHERTY 27 Dec 1887 Hattiesburg, Perry Co., MS. Michael, b. 4 Oct 1862 Carrick Lower, Donegal, ENG; d. 11 Jul 1940 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS; bur. Oak Lawn Cem. (Parents of Bob DOHERTY)
- iv Cynthia Melissa WARD, b. 10 Mar 1871; d. 12 May 1957 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS; bur. Highland Park Cem. She m. Patrick McGINLEY. Patrick, b. 17 Mar 1852 Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille, Donegal, IRL; d. 16 May 1928 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS; bur. Highland Park, Cem. (Grandparents of Laura Ann McGINLEY)
- v Nora Isabel WARD, b. 16 Feb 1873.
- vi Ella Iola WARD, b. 23 Sep 1875 AL.
- vii Leonard Lucian WARD, b. 8 Jul 1878 AL. He m. Mary NEWSON Jan 1902 Forrest Co., MS. Mary, d. 25 Nov 1920 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS.
- viii David Elijah WARD, b. 5 Feb 1881 MS; d. 30 Jan 1960 Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS; bur. Highland Park Cem. He m. Eda CHANCE 24 Dec 1903.
- ix Elijah Davis McCARTY in 6 Jan 1897 in Jackson Co., FL. Missouri, dau. of Elijah Russell McCARTY & Maria RYALS, b. 28 Sep 1861 Bainbridge, GA; d. 13 Oct 1938 Jackson Co., FL.
- x Elvira Elizabeth WARD.
- x Pauline Adelia WARD.

Laura McGinley of Hattiesburg, MS sent me copies of two pages from a family bible of Missouri WARD. This bible is now in the possession of Mrs. Gore, a daughter of Elvira Ward CARROLL, who lives in FL. Laura & Bob had been waiting anxiously for this information which could be the most important piece of information to surface since the

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baptism records surfaced a couple of years ago. The pages are titled "Milestones of Our Family" and the gaps are Missouri's lineage that I omitted: "Father Elijah Covington WARD was borned in Jackson County Miss. May 16 -1832, his mother died when he was 9 years old, then he was reared by Griffin HOLLMAN, a lawyer, was well educated, taught school in his early life, then was employ by the M&P Ohio Railway Co. as a carpenter, was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisted at Barrancas Barracs at Pensacola Fla. was with M. B. R. R. Co. for some years after the war, then moved to Hattiesburg Miss. He married Miss Serena BUSBY in 1859 in July. 8 children were borned. William Henry, Louise Anna, Mary Alice, Cynthia Melissa, Nora Isabella, Ella Iola, Leonard Lucien, David Elijah. Then he was married a second time, Jan-6-1897, to Missouri Davis McCARTY, 2 children were borned, Elvira Elizabeth, Pauline Adella, he lived in Jackson Co Fla from 1894 till death May-6-1921 - baptist..... Fathers Father, Henry Ward borned Aug 1800 - married in 1819 to Elnora SMITH, had 7 sons and 5 daughters sons, Elias, Patrick, Moses, Solomon, Elijah, Lorenzo, Henry, daus, Elvira, Delilah, Delitha, Louise and Elnora. He was a timber or lumber man bought timber, sawed it into lumber sold the lumber - Died - Aug 1880, Baptist..... John WARD married, Elizabeth KNIGHT, went from North Carolina to Miss, had sons William, John, Elijah, Patrick, Tarleton, Daniel, Moses, Henry, one dau. Nancy Ward CHILDERS, veteran American Revolution, died age 108 years. Baptist." Author's note: The only conflict with the census is Eliza. At least two of Henry's sons, Henry & Lorenzo, are by his second wife Emmeline and show up in the 1860 census. I find this evidence to be very credible. First, there is no mention of a Creek connection which would provide ulterior motives for its existence. Second, there are several variations from the research that has been done in this family; names John WARD's wife as Elizabeth KNIGHT which is only the second place this has been found and that, the baptism records, did not surface until about two years ago, lists a son named William and does not list a son named Benjamin for John WARD (the next newsletter will address this issue), and it names Henry's 1st wife & all of his children. Third, I do not think anyone could have made the connection to Griffin HOLLMAN without family lore.

Could the Alvira, wife of Samuel DAVIS, Henry WARD & his children are living with in the 1850 Jackson Co., MS census be Henry's oldest daughter? Bob & I both think so. Census records found in "The Genealogy of the Childress Family" by Mary Rouse have an added notation that Alvira was a WARD. Another thought: Could the Elanora, age 7, living with Moses WARD in the 1850 census of Tyler Co., TX also be Henry's daughter? Bob has information stating that Henry's first wife was the daughter of Edwin or Edmond & Elizabeth SMITH, who died 12 Sep 1841. He also found Henry's 2nd marriage to Emmeline BOND 8 Nov 1855 Baldwin Co., AL and Delytha WARD's marriage to Samuel R. WADE 10 Oct 1856 in Baldwin Co., AL.

- Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL sent me a letter that included several comments that I will pass along. She explained that she has had various ailments since the end of last year and that she was now retired after 29 years of teaching.
1. The Callaway Journal cited in the first newsletter related the story and lineage of John WARD of which I used a portion. Betty supplied this information to Sherrill Williams who was the one to research the New York treaty.
 2. Betty now thinks that what she had assumed was the misspelling of Tallahassee as the birthplace of Mary Caroline WARD was really Tallassee or Tallassie also known as Hickory Ground Town. This was a Creek Indian village in what is now Alabama. Because I have had a difficult time reconciling that Elijah was in Tallahassee in 1835, this thought had also crossed my mind. I dismissed the thought, but it seems that it is now worth more consideration.
 3. Part of the lore now in circulation was that Moses WARD was so dark skinned that they would not allow him to attend school. Betty says the CHILDRESS family experienced similar problems. From a taped interview with Jesse Turner: "I found in the record where Moses (WARD) was dark complexed and there was some question about him going to school and they came back - they had gone over to Texas I believe. And they came back to Bon Secour for him to go to school."
 4. It is Betty's opinion that Jesse Turner was right in his assertion that John WARD was b. SC & Nancy KNIGHT was b. GA. She is also still of the opinion he never went to MS, that it was probably John Jr. found in the records there, and that Elijah W. WARD of Walton Co., FL was their oldest son.
 5. Re the WARD Spanish Catholic baptism records from Mobile Betty states, "I am not convinced that the baptism record is our family. In 30 years of research I have never seen Nancy's name anything but Nancy. Elizabeth doesn't seem right to me. Nancy Ann's birth is wrong in 'Creole Mobile' too. I am not convinced that John I and John Jr. (II) [of Charleston, SC] are ours either."

Miscellaneous from Deborah who will have a new address soon. She and her husband were caught in the Navy cutbacks at Pensacola and they will be continuing their Civil Service career at Cherry Point, NC.

1. She found two Santa Rosa Co., FL death certificates. One for James Carmel WARD, son of Isaac WARD & Lizzie MANNING, who died 14 Apr 1937 at Chumuckla - age 32. The other, whom she cannot identify, is Jackson WARD, son of John WARD & Mary SUGGS, who died 28 Feb 1925 at Milton - age 35. My guess was that the latter was the son of John Jackson WARD, son Zachariah WARD & Matilda HARRIS. Anybody else have any ideas?
2. James & Martha PADGETT who married Mary Caroline WARD & Simeon WARD shown in the last newsletter were the children of William & Elizabeth PADGETT who came to Covington Co., AL from Colleton Co., SC between 1828 & 1838. The source was SC DAR bible records.

Jim (Foster) Kizer sent me the following excerpt from Mary Brantley's book "From Cabins to Mansions": "During the Revolution, a considerable contingent of Tory outcasts from the Carolinas and Georgia came into this section of the Alabama Territory. This laid the foundation of American Inhabitance in the counties of Clarke, Washington, and Baldwin. The earliest American settlers in Bigbee country came over Indian trails, crossing creeks and rivers by such means as nature and their wits supplied. Sometimes they swam the streams or crossed them on felled logs called

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'raccoon bridges,' but more often they forded them or crossed them on rafts improvised on the spot. Around 1800 much land became available for settlers in Georgia. In 1805 land lotteries were held and people from many states migrated to Georgia to draw 'blanks' in the lotteries. There were at least five other lotteries held during the years. Families who had lived in the territory for at least one year were permitted to draw for land as large as 400 acres. Every Revolutionary soldier was entitled to two draws. Georgia began to grow and the increase in population caused Congress in 1798 to organize the Mississippi Territory. The Alabama Territory was created by an act of Congress, March 3, 1817. The laws which govern Mississippi applied to the Alabama Territory. The word 'Alabama' is generally thought to be a Choctaw Indian word meaning "thicket clearers" or "vegetation gatherers." - Jim is quite a writer and has taken facts such as this excerpt and our WARD lineage to fictionalize an account of our family history. The result is very interesting and perhaps, with his permission, I can include some of it in future newsletters.

Merline Booher sent me an announcement of a Ward Family Reunion that took place 24 Sep 1994 in Greenville, Butler Co., AL. I wrote to one of the contacts listed, but so far I have not heard from any of them. These WARDs are descendants of Richard WARD & Jane JONES. They had two sons William M. & Richard G. who settled Pike Co., AL ca 1842. They had additional children, but these are the only names that are known. William married Eliza 1st, 4 children, & Sarah Sylvester (Ceveste) PEACOCK 2nd, 8 children; Richard married Susan STUART & they had 5 children. Their descendants are found in Lowndes, Pike, Butler, & Wilcox Cos. in AL. While I know of no connections to the families of James B. WARD, David WARD, John WARD, or Elijah W. WARD, there are similarity of names between the latter family including a William Marion WARD. Barbara Prestridge of Tupelo, MS has ties to these WARDs through the TILLS.

I received a huge box from Pensacola in November and thought I had hit the genealogical mother lode. It was a "mother lode" all right, but of the culinary variety. Inside carefully packaged was a case of pear preserves, my favorite. They were from Alberta Taylor my 1st cousin once removed in the BAKER family. If you are wondering what this has to do with genealogy let me tell you; I would never have known this wonderful lady if it were not for my interest in my family tree.

Dr. Burt W. Ward and his wife Catherine Fricke Ward, also a M.D., are among those included on the mailing list because of the interest they have expressed in the WARD family research and not necessarily because they are researchers. I have gotten a lot of satisfaction from my efforts because of cousins like them. Their daughter Anne spells her name with an "e" and her birthday found in my book should be 24 Jun 1987. Catherine also related to me that while Burt's mother has been called Lucy since childhood that her legal name was Willie Mae CRAIG.

Tally Burkhead of Pensacola says she has quite a family history that no one believes; three of her GGGrandparents were sons of James B. WARD. Tally is very interested in finding the parents of Chesley PURVIS & Lydia WRIGHT who had several children that married into the family of James B. & Elizabeth English WARD.

Dolores Miller sent me the obituary of Kenneth Sidney McKensie III, 58, of Gulf Breeze, FL. I did not know Kenneth, but I know a lot of you did. I have been told that he was a WARD descendant; I do not know which lineage. He died Friday, Oct. 7, 1994 in the Gulf Breeze hospital. Kenneth was born October 10, 1935 in Bonifay. He was a retired Chief Hospital Corpsman with the U. S. Navy. He had lived in Chula Vista, CA & New Meadows, ID, and after retirement in 1980, he moved to Gulf Breeze. He was president of the Meadows Valley, ID Booster Club, Vice Chairman of Florida Tribe Eastern Creek Indians, for which he was Chairman of the Land & Genealogy Committee. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Short McKensie of Gulf Breeze, three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael & Barbara McKensie of Pensacola, Daniel & Tina McKensie of Pensacola, and Donald & Andrea McKensie of Rainbow, CA; a daughter & son-in-law, Marcia & Douglas Parker of Palm Dale, CA; two daughters, Melinda McKensie of Gulf Breeze and Michelle McKensie of Palm Dale; ten grandchildren; one sister, Geraldine Bryant of Pensacola. Funeral services were held 3PM Oct. 11, 1994 at Martins Forest Lawn Funeral Home & he was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

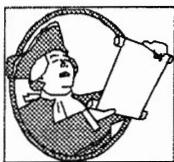
Changes to the mailing list:

1. The Craigs have a new zip code; 32539.
2. Mary Childress Rouse - change to 16152 Hwy 26 West, Lucedale, MS 39452-9803.
3. Deborah Biesbrock's new address: 1407 N. Pasteur Street, New Bern, NC 28560.
4. Add Dennis Helms, 2842 Phil Tyner Road, Crestview, FL 32536 - Starke BAKER/Martha Baker CLARY
5. Add Doris Buford, P. O. Box 243, Conroe, TX 77305 - David WARD/Mariah Ward PAGE.

I received a phone call from Doris and she related to me that Mariah WARD m. John David Page. Doris got my name from Wyley Ward in Huntsville. More on Doris' lineage in the next newsletter.

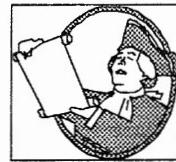
As always, I want to express my appreciation to those who are contributing to the newsletter effort both in material and moral support. I must keep reiterating that the success of the newsletter will depend on the folks that continue to participate and this is especially true if it to be published on a quarterly basis. In the book I explained that I am not a writer or author, but a compiler. That is true with this newsletter too and my hope is that it will be considered our newsletter. I want to thank Bert & Catherine Ward, Barbara Prestridge, and Louis & Elma Craig for being so considerate. - Next newsletter March 1st - A closer look at the LADD/WARD deed.

*** Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and the very best in 1995! And happy hunting. ***



Wards & Bakers of the Deep South

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In an attempt to maintain at least a semblance of organization, I am trying to stay one newsletter ahead. When I mail one, the next one is already roughed out. This is the reason I am able to predict the date of the next issue. I can prioritize and cut & splice freely, but only as long as I have enough time to make it all fit. I am telling you all of this to explain that if you send me something that does not appear immediately, you will likely see it in the next issue.

In a phone conversation with Margie Gattie right after Christmas, she expressed some dissenting opinions to items written in the newsletter. I asked her to put it in writing and that I would publish her thoughts on our WARD lineage. She expressed a reluctance to do so for fear of hurting someone's feelings. I sense that there are others who may share her reluctance. In the newsletter I have tried to be careful not to hurt anyone's feelings, yet be objective and still stimulate some thought. It is not my intention for it to become only a forum for my opinions or those who share my opinions. Because it is still new there has been a lack of items submitted which has necessitated the use of more of my own than I would like; I certainly hope that will change in time. No one will hurt my feelings with dissenting views and I hope everyone who reads this newsletter feels the same way. Even though we do not all share the same opinions I believe our goal of the truth is mutual. I want to reiterate that material and opinions presented through this newsletter are not necessarily factual. Like all genealogical data, it is only intended to be used as evidence and information to be "weighed." If anyone has an opinion, please submit it for publication. As Jean Strickland appropriately stated it in a recent letter: "Keep up the good work. The newsletter gives us all a forum for our ideas and for someone else to shoot them down with something we missed as we researched." By the way, Margie did send me a letter and it will be included in the next newsletter.

I have just received the books, "The Wards & Bakers: Pioneers of West Florida," from the publisher. Those who have already paid should be receiving their book(s) soon. I still have a few books that are uncommitted; that price is \$21.00 postage paid. If you desire it to be sent other than special book rate, approx. \$2, please add accordingly.

"Cemeteries of Okaloosa Co., FL" Volume II is now available through the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa Co. This soft cover volume lists 26 cemeteries North & West of the Yellow River and costs \$10 plus \$2.50 for postage & handling. That address: P. O. Box 1175, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175.

BAKERS

Back in July of last year I sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce or Postmaster of Baker, FL. This is a little town in Okaloosa Co., FL and for reasons that are obvious, I was curious as to how the town got its name. I got a nice letter from Jeanette Henderson who is a resident of Baker and she explained that Baker is not incorporated. They have, however, organized a North Okaloosa Co. Historical Association and one of their major projects is establishing a museum in Baker. She is not sure, but thinks that the town was named after the Rev. BAKER. This is probably the Rev. Robert Q. BAKER mentioned in the last newsletter. Her husband, Charles, is a descendant of Isabelle (Puss) WARD, dau. of William Marion & Catherine Campbell WARD, & Simeon NOYES; he is also a NICHOLS descendant.

From "South Carolina Marriages 1688-1799" by Brent H. Holcomb and furnished by Mary Rouse:

1. Elihu BAKER of Berkeley Co., SC & Elizabeth AMBROSE, spinster, daughter of John AMBROSE, of Prov. of GA. Gent., 6 Mar 1733; Eliz. PINCKNEY, Charles PINKNEY, wit. Misc. Rec. HH: 248-249
2. Elihu BAKER & Sarah HUNDLEY, 31 ____ 1745; Isaac CHANDLER trustee; David RUSS, wit. Misc. Rec. GG: 261-265
3. Francis BAKER & Mary SHEPHERD, P Licence, 1728. St. Phil PR
4. John BAKER & Sarah EVINS, 22 Mar 1729/30. Ch PR
5. Josiah BAKER & Rebecca BUTTLER, spinster; minister Lewis JONES; bondsmen Josiah BAKER & John SHEPPARD of St. Georges Dorchester; wit. J. HAMMERTON, 9 Mar 1732. MB NY
6. Josiah BAKER & Rebecca BUTLER, 12 Mar 1732/33. St. And PR
7. Michael BAKER & Mary THREADCROFT, 7 Sep 1727. T & D PR
8. Richard BAKER & Sarah GLAZE, P. Licence, 13 Sep 1731.
9. Richard BAKER & Mary Anne YOUNG(?), spinster; minister Lewis JONES; bondsmen Richard BAKER of Port Royal, vintner & Joseph MURRAY of Charles Town; wit. James MICHIE, 27 Apr 1733. MB NY
10. Richard BAKER & Elizabeth ELLIOTT, 6 May 1756. St. Phil PR
11. Richard Bohun BAKER, of St. George Parish, Dorchester, & Elizabeth MILES of St. Bartholomews Parish, widow of Joseph MILES, 16 Jul 1774; Thomas LADSON, brother of st. Elizabeth & Isaac McPHERSON. of St. Pauls Parish, trustees; Eliza McPHERSON, Emily LADSON, wit. Mar Set 1: 177-180
12. William BAKER & Ann SANDERS, 10 Jan 1766. OJ 1764-1771.

WARDS

Bob Doherty sent me a summary of the Civil War pension claim of Missouri WARD, second wife of Elijah C. WARD, that was a very interesting chain of events. The first claim was made by Missouri and her attorney 15 Sep 1927 Jackson Co., FL. It was filed under the name of E. C. WARD who enlisted 6 Dec 1861 at Corinth, MS. It was denied. In a series of letters involving Missouri, her attorney, the Pension Board, the Board of County Commissioners, and finally the Governor, the reasons for rejection were clarified and her pension finally approved 3 Aug 1929. In the

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process, it was discovered that "E. C." was not her husband, but her Elijah did serve in the CSA, Co. B, 1st AL Infantry. A second attorney from Blountstown became involved and his fee was \$100 which he took half of her pension each month until paid in full. This sparked an investigation as the normal fee allowed for pension claims was \$15.

In the lineage of Elijah C. WARD in the last newsletter I showed Mike DOHERTY's as being from England; that should be County Donegal, Ireland. I also added a generation to Bob's age; Mike was his grandfather not father.

A couple of years ago Jean Strickland sent me a copy of the following Catholic record at Mobile, AL. "No. 749 - In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, & on the second day of October, I the undersigned vicar general of the N. H. Bishop of Mobile, certify that I have performed the funeral ceremonies of the church over the body of Patrick Ward, who parted this life yesterday, being twenty eight years old. In faith whereof I have signed.

" Is this Patrick WARD related to the WARDs of Bon Secour, AL & Jackson Co., MS?

Another Patrick Ward from the Georgia Journal and supplied by Bob Doherty: Capt. Thomas's Artillery C., was listed as killed in a battle with the Indians in AL 48 miles west of the Chattahoochee River on 27 Jan 1814.

In the 1870 Mortality Schedule of Jackson Co., MS I found a Patrick WARD, age 83 & b. NC, d. in May of asthma. Age is off a few years & the birthplace is wrong, should be SC, but I feel he must be the son of John WARD.

A partial transcript of the WARD/LADD deed that is considered one of the more important documents in this part of the WARD family (The affidavits of Patrick & Henry WARD & Nancy CHILDRESS are not included): "Whereas the United States Government by Act of Congress confirmed to Daniel Ward Benjamin Ward and John Ward the tract of land hereafter mentioned and which came to the said Daniel, Benjamin and John under a Spanish grant then recognized and confirmed by the United States as aforesaid and whereas the said Daniel Ward is now living but the said Benjamin and John Ward are now dead and the said Daniel and Tarleton Ward are brothers of the said Benjamin and John deceased and of the next of kin to the said Benjamin and John. Now know all men by these presents that we, Daniel Ward and Tarleton Ward in consideration of the sum of one Thousand Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do now grant bargain sell assign and confirm unto John M. Ladd and to his heirs forever (all the said tract of land, namely a Spanish grant confirmed by Act of Congress of the United States to Benjamin Daniel and John Ward being Section forty Township one South Range on East in Mobile County containing an area of eleven hundred and seventy-five 90/100 acres: Bounded as follows North of Section four. A Spanish grant of Pierre Chestany fractional South East quarter of Section five. East of Middle River. South of rail road land. Section 15 and School section number sixteen and West by Mobile River) To have and to hold unto him the said John M. Ladd and to his heirs and assignees forever. And we the said Daniel and Tarleton Ward do hereby connate and agree to warrant and defend the title hereby conveyed against the lawful claims of all persons wheresoever except as to the other heirs of Benjamin and John Ward, being the surviving brothers Patrick Ward and Henry Ward and their sister Nancy Childress wife of Bartholomew Childress. Given under our hand and seal this Twelfth day of October 1867."

In a letter to Betty Perkins dated 23 Feb 1992 Wyley Ward stated he had several major hangups on the WARD research in our part of the family. Wyley descends from the WARDs in Conecuh and later Covington Co., AL, but his research has crossed over into the WARDs of Walton Co., FL and Jackson Co., MS. The following is an excerpt from that letter: "Third, and most confusing of all, is the land sale agreement made in Mobile on Nov 12, 1867 between the Wards and John M. Ladd. This sale relates to land grants made to Daniel, Benjamin, and John Ward, and it states that Benjamin and John were dead, but that their brother Daniel was still alive and he had a number of other brothers including Tarleton, Patrick, and Henry, and a sister named Nancy Childress. There are two major problems with this sale. One is that the description of this land is taken from surveys made around 1819, and there is no Section 40 in Township 1 South and Range 1 East of the St. Stephens meridian in Mobile county. There were only three Spanish grants located in this township and all of them were West of the Mobile River. Second, there were lots of grants made to Daniel, Benjamin, John, and Joshua Ward in West Florida by both the British and Spain between 1768 and 1783. The first grants being made John and Joshua Ward for 600 acres each on July 21, 1768, Benjamin Ward was granted 2000 acres on July 29, 1768, and Daniel Ward was granted 1500 acres on August 3, 1768. These Wards later received other grants in West Fla. The problem is that if Daniel Ward was 21 when he received his first grant, then he would have been over 120 years old when he signed the land sale on Nov 12, 1867."

This document has been confusing to me too and I have recently taken a closer look at it. I have not researched the land description. I believe that the three brothers in the Spanish Grant, Daniel, Benjamin, & John, cannot be anyone other than the Charleston, SC brothers. Neither Wyley nor I have seen any evidence that John WARD of Bon Secour had a son named Benjamin. Interpretation of this document is the only source I am aware of for that name, but even if he did I do not think he was old enough to be involved in the Spanish Grants. Some researchers have identified Benjamin as James B. WARD of Dale Co., AL, but I have seen nothing to prove this. Since Wyley's letter was written the baptism records surfaced and we now know that John did indeed have a son named Daniel who was born on Fish River the same year the older Daniel died; the older Daniel was b. 1 Oct 1742 & d. ca 1795. All three brothers are long deceased by 1867; John in 1783 and Benjamin by 1812. I also know from my SC research that these three brothers did not have any siblings with the other names mentioned in the deed. I believe that either by design or by coincidence the opportunity arose and the younger Daniel was assumed to be one of those brothers. No one looked very closely at the age discrepancy, but even if someone had tried it would have been almost impossible to determine. The deed read with this in mind makes more sense to me.

Since Daniel WARD signed the LADD deed in 1867 Mobile Co., AL, along with Tarleton, he must have been living in the area. As far as I knew he had never been found and I thought that he should appear in a census somewhere in that time frame. The 1830-1850 MS census indexes do not list a Daniel; he did appear on Jackson Co., MS tax rolls in 1820, 1824, & 1825. He may also be the 16-26 year old male w/John WARD in the 1820 census of Jackson

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Co. The 1860 census index for MS lists several Daniel WARDs one of which was in Perry Co.; since Elijah C. WARD was there in 1850 I decided to check it first. This Daniel, 60 b. FL, was living with an Aaron LUCUS, #264, 29 b. MS, and his family. Also listed under Daniel was an Elizabeth WARD, 55 b. SC. Even with the age discrepancy, which is common in the censuses, I believe this is the Daniel, son of John, born at Fish River in 1795 when it was part of the Terr. of W. FL. In the 1850 census of Jackson Co., MS there are two "LOOKUSS" youths living with Patrick WARD and that connection, as far as I know, has never been determined (these name variations are also very common). A possibility is that Elizabeth could be Daniel's sister, but since she was born in SC after 1792 I think that can be ruled out. Could she have been a "LUCUS" before marrying Daniel? Could she have had a first marriage to a LOCUS and Aaron a son by that marriage? I also found a G. H. HOLLOMAN, #164, in the 1860 census of Perry Co. with just his wife Martha. If you remember from the last newsletter, Elijah C. WARD was living with Griffin HOLLIMAN there in 1850. Does anyone have access to an 1870 MS census index? I do not. Was Daniel and/or Elizabeth there in 1870?

A Mrs. Elizabeth WARD, age 40-50, was found in Wilkinson Co., MS in 1840 and an Elizabeth WARD, age 60 b. MS, found in Perry Co., MS in 1850 living w/Soloman & Lucretia STRICKLAND (#35).

I mentioned the above information to both Bob Doherty & Jean Strickland. Bob informed me that he had found in "Who Married Who in Greene Co., MS" that a Daniel WARD b. 1800 did indeed m. Mrs. Elizabeth LOOKUS. Jean replied that she had wondered about this Daniel for a long time. She also stated that Aaron was a son of Elizabeth and that Lucretia was also her daughter. She is also of the opinion that the LUCAS children with Patrick are also Elizabeth's children. This is a good example of the "loose ends," that genealogists seem to have in abundance, fitting together to give us a better picture of the puzzle!

I am confused and maybe some of you Jackson Co., MS WARD descendants can straighten me out. From census information found in Mary Rouse's CHILDRESS book, there was a James COWART & wife Harriett [WARD] living next to Tarleton WARD in the 1850 census of Jackson Co., MS and said to be daughter of Tarleton; then there was a J. G. COWART & Nancy WARD (#223) in the 1860 census of Greene Co., MS. Information supplied to Mary by a Helen COWART supported the latter. I assumed they were the same and that Tarleton's daughter was "Harriett Nancy" even though the children listed in the two censuses did not match up well. Recently I found James COWART (#210) in 1860 Jackson Co., MS, Harriett apparently deceased, and none of the children's names seem familiar. I next found James COWART & Nancy (#109) in the 1850 census of Greene Co. and the names did agree, for the most part, with the information Helen had supplied. By the way, this latter COWART was indexed as "COWDIT." Did Tarleton have two daughters, Nancy & Harriett, both marrying COWARTS? Or have the two families been confused with each other? The latter seems to be the case as Bob Doherty also found that Nancy Harriett WARD m. James G. COWART in "Who Married Who in Greene Co., MS." He also found the following: Sarah Elizabeth WARD m. Hanson Monroe EUBANKS. In my book I had Sarah Ann, dau. of Tarleton WARD Sr., with Hanson as her first marriage. This was found in a printed lineage and I copied it without trying to verify it. Sarah Elizabeth WARD was the dau. of Tarleton WARD Jr.

Speaking of census names appearing wrong in the printed indexes, always check the end of the surname listings for additional names. I know most of you researchers are aware of all the name variations to look for, but in the automated indexing systems a blank will appear first in the index. If you had "Ward, John" & "Ward, John", the latter would appear at the end of that surname listing. I also look out for extreme variations. For example, in the 1860 census index of AL there were two listings for "Ward, Aptrick." So I usually make it a habit to scan the entire surname listing. By the way, those "Patricks" do not appear to be related.

Previous research had located Moses WARD, son of John, in the 1850 census of Tyler Co., TX. It has also been said that he died in Silsbee which is in Hardin Co., TX. Hardin Co., on southern Tyler Co. border, was formed from Jefferson & Liberty Cos. in 1858. In one newsletter I told you about the Alabama-Coushatta Indians in East TX. Their reservation is about 29 miles, as the crow flies, from Silsbee. I found Moses, his children and their families in the 1860 census of Hardin Co. (P. O. listed was Caney Head). I do not know who this William WARD is:

#52 William WARD 50 NC, Justinia(?) 14 AL, Ellen 12 AL, Wm 10 MS, Thomas 8 MS, Isabella 6 MS, & Martin 4 MS.
#56 Moses WARD 72 SC, Hannah 55 GA, Laurah 28 MS, & Lucius 4 TX.

#57 Stephen WARD 33 MS, Elizabeth 31 MS, George 9 TX, Mary Ann 7 TX, Eli 5 TX, Elias 4 TX, & Isah 6/12 TX.

#60 Joseph WARD 26 MS, Emily 22 MS, Sarah 4 TX, Ezekiel 2 TX, & Stephen 2 TX.

#83 Ezekiel CHANCE 39 LA, Ellen 30 MS, Ranson 10, John 8, Ann 7, Joseph 3, & Timothy 3/12; all children b. TX.

I did not find Moses or Hannah in the 1870 census, but I did find Stephen & Patrick WARD. Patrick's age matches that of "E. P." in Moses' family in 1850; Laura's age matches the one living with Moses in 1850 & 1860. E. P. & Laura apparently are married in the 1850 census (Laura not Moses' daughter). An educated guess would place E. P. in the War in 1860 so I checked and found a Patrick E. WARD, 1st Cpl, enl. Co. E, 8th Cav, CSA at Galveston, TX 2 Mar 1861. He was from Jackson Co., MS, age 35, 5'11 1/2" tall, blue eyes, & dark hair.

#145 Patrick WARD 45 MS, Laura 38 MS, Loucious 14 TX, & Rufus 10 TX.

#158 Stephen WARD 43 MS, Mary 17, George 19, M.E.(M) 15, E.M.(M) 13, I.B.(M) 11, W.B.(M) 8, Levia 4, & J.H.(M) 3.

In the 1880 census of Hardin Co., TX, E. P. becomes Elisha P. and Stephen was now married to a Kate M. with a stepson named W. P. SCOTT; no additional children for these two men are reported in this census.

Bob Doherty found a lineage stating that Elinor WARD, dau. of Moses WARD, m. Ezekiel More CHANCE. (neighbors of Moses WARD in the 1850 census). Elinor b. MS 26 Aug 1829, d. TX 1 Apr 1905; Ezekiel b. 1819, d. TX Nov 1896. Since Moses had this daughter named Elinor I am inclined to believe that the Elanora with Moses in the 1850 census, b. 1843, is not his daughter, but the daughter his brother Henry. I checked for WARDs in the TX IGI index and found a Stephen WARD who married Elizabeth J. CHANCE 7 Nov 1850 Tyler Co., TX.

I received a letter from Jean Strickland at the Pascagoula Library right after Christmas. She offered the following: "I have an opinion that Moses WARD, Bartholomew CHILDRESS, & Wyatt ADAMS went to TX together. Moses WARD stayed and Bartholomew & Wyatt ADAMS returned to MS. They were both missing in the early 1840s."

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It is well known here that Bartholomew Childress went to Texas and one descendant has the map that he used on the trip..... I especially loved the Bible we both received recently [Elvira Ward Carroll's family history]. I felt that it proved the "no Indian" bit as well as proving that Mrs. Rouse's wife of William Childress [Elizabeth] was not a WARD but a DAVIS. I feel that it will probably be the only thing we will find."

From Bob D.(researched by Laura McGinley): Henry WARD, son of John, was found in the 1880 census of Jackson Co., MS (S.D.#2, E.D.#5, P.10, Beat #4), wife "Em", son H. L. (Henry) & his wife Alice. It had originally been thought by Laura & Bob, & others including myself, that Henry had probably died in Baldwin Co., AL.

There is a Louisa WARD in the 1860 census of Perry Co., MS, age 23, b. MS & living with the family of Rufus DRAUGHN. She was listed as a "teacher of common school." I think she is probably the daughter of Henry WARD. Also living with Rufus was an Ellenora DAVIS, age 9; daughter of Samuel & Elvira?

I have thought, and may have misinformed, that the Samuel DAVIS who m. Henry's dau. Alvira WARD was probably the brother of Hannah DAVIS who m. Moses WARD & Elizabeth DAVIS who m. Patrick WARD. New info from Bob D., & a closer look at my records, seem to indicate that there were two Samuel DAVISs.

Betty Celani, niece of Merline Booher, of El Paso, TX sent me a letter and I will pass along a few of her comments:

1. Betty gave a copy of the newsletter to Dr. Eleanor Duke of El Paso, a descendant of a Theophilus WARD, and it has connected her to Brian (Gene) Welch. I hope Gene will keep us apprised of the results.
2. "Another possibility to the Elijah [of Walton Co., FL] mystery is he could have been a child of Benjamin or Daniel [brothers of John WARD³ of Charleston, SC.]"
3. "Alice Ward Short is a direct descendant of John WARD I. For several years she and I checked every way we could to place Elijah [of Walton Co., FL] with her family and could not. She had so much documentation. I lost contact with her....."
4. "I also know there was a John WARD from Ireland who was a Master Tailor. He lived in Charleston, had a son named Daniel. Daniel had several children. One son John Henry WARD went west. Where west is I don't know. I do know there is no further documentation on him in SC."

Betty also included excerpts from "The Georgians" by Jeannette Holland Austin:

1. Elizabeth ANDERSON b. 1803 SC m. Tarleton KNIGHT b. 1797 SC & they lived in Tattnall Co., GA. (Now that second name should be interesting to a some of you)
2. Even more interesting was the McINTOSH family! Lachlan McINTOSH had a daughter named Esther (Hetty) who married John Peter WARD of Savannah, GA. This record was found in The Georgia Journal & Independent Register dated 15 Feb 1794. Hetty had a brother named William McINTOSH (d. 1 May 1794) who m. a Creek Indian Princess (Betty read somewhere that her name was "Mahoga") and they had a son known as Gen. William McINTOSH, Chief of the Creeks, who was murdered by the Coweta Indians. Betty wonders, as do I, if this is not the source of some of the stories in our WARD lineage.

John Peter WARD was the son of John WARD³ & Love LEGER of Charleston, SC. He died 8 May 1810 and in his will states he was a Doctor of Medicine in the state of Georgia, but now a resident of Charleston. It mentions no wife or children, but does mention brothers Benjamin of GA & Joshua of Waccamaw, sisters Elizabeth MILLER of Savannah, nephews Joshua John WARD, John Ward MATTHEWS, John WARD of GA, Charles WARD, & niece Sarah WARD. Idle thoughts: could nephew John WARD of GA be the one mentioned by Woodward and/or a second husband to John Peter WARD's sister-in-law "Mahoga?" Does Mahoga = Nahoga? If so, John & Nahoga's children as listed in the Moniac affidavit, John & Susan, would have been half siblings to Gen. William McINTOSH, the Creek Chief. Also giving a little credibility to a possible connection to the SC WARDs is that among this family migrating from Hickory Ground Town to the Indian Territory in 1834 was a Hetty WARD, age 12.

There are two articles that appear in the Columbian Museum & Savannah Advertiser that seem to contradict some of the above information. The first was an obituary notice dated 14 Dec 1802 stating John Peter WARD Esq. died Friday last. The second is a marriage of Mrs. Esther WARD, widow of John Peter WARD, to Dr. Nicholas BAYARD dated 5 Sep 1804 at Cumberland Island. In the book "Information on Some Georgia Pioneers" is found an additional question: "Peter WARD, Chatham Co., wife Hetty McINTOSH, dau. of Lacklan & Sarah Threadcraft McINTOSH. Peter was son of Peter." Was his father John Peter WARD? Possibly, but his grandfather was Peter LEGER.

From the Georgia Gazette:

1. Died - Miss Louise McIntosh WARD, four year old daughter of John Peter WARD Esq - dated 20 Sep 1898.
2. Marriage of Benjamin WARD to Ann HABERSHAM, dau. of Major John HABERSHAM, 4 Feb 1802. [John Peter WARD's brother? Somewhere it has been stated this Benjamin was the son of John WARD²; I think John WARD³.]
3. Married in this city last Thursday, Mr. Joshua WARD of SC & Miss Kitty JONES, & dau. of Hon. Noble Wimberly JONES of Savannah - dated 2 May 1793. [m. 25 Apr 1793]
4. Died - Mrs. Catherine Ward, wife of Joshua WARD of SC & dau. of Hon. Noble Wimberly JONES of Savannah - 19 Dec 1793. [This would appear to be the 1st m. of Joshua, brother to John Peter above].
5. Died - at the Round O [Plantation at Charleston, SC], John WARD Esq. formerly an eminent merchant of this town [Savannah] - dated 10 Apr 1783. [He d. 29 Mar 1783]

From the "Biographical Directory of the SC House of Representatives" a sketch of the father of the WARDs mentioned often in the research of the Territory of W. FL (from Mary Anderson, Deborah Biesbroek & Aleta McElwain - I have also researched it): "John WARD, a planter in St. John Berkeley Parish, had 31 slaves on his rice and indigo plantation. He served his parish as a tax inquirer and collector (1739) and captain of the militia company for the upper district (1756) and Berkeley County as a justice of the peace (1756). Although he won a special election in the neighboring parish of St. James Santee to the Seventeenth Royal Assembly (1748), he declined to serve on 22 April 1748. Ward later won a special election in his home parish and on 5 December 1749 qualified for the Nineteenth Royal

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Assembly (1749-1751). By his wife Sarah COOKE, dau. of John COOKE, Ward had at least five children: Mary (m. William BURROWS), John Jr., Joshua, Benjamin, & Daniel. John WARD was buried 9 March 1758."

"John WARD Jr., son of John WARD & Sarah COOKE, was born in SC. As did many others, he made his fortune in trade and then turned to planting. He formed partnerships with Peter LEGER in the firm of Ward & Leger (1762-1770); with LEGER and Jacob STEVENS Jr. as Jacob Stevens Jr. & Co. (1766-1771); with LEGER, Daniel WARD, and Benjamin WARD as Daniel Ward & Co. (1768); and with LEGER and Peter NORTH as Peter Leger & Co. (1773-1775). WARD & LEGER was active in Indian trade. In 1767 he entered into a partnership with Thomas FERGUSON, Charles ELLIOTT, Daniel CANNON, John MARLEY, and Moses KIRKLAND for operation of a sawmill on the Edisto River. With various individuals, he was part owner of five trading vessels. By himself, WARD imported two small cargoes of slaves. Prior to the Revolution, he retired to his plantation at Round O Savannah in St. Bartholomew Parish. Between 1767 and 1775, he obtained grants for 11,096 acres. At his death he owned 145 slaves.

Wards public career began when he was appointed clerk of the Third Troop of the First Regiment of Horse (1757). By 1774 he was a major in the regiment and held that rank through the Revolution. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Commons House in 1768 when the votes of Charleston's mechanics defeated him. The following year he was a member of the General Committee of the Nonimportation Association but secretly violated the agreement to maintain the inventory in his store. WARD represented St. Michael Parish in the Thirtieth (1772) and Thirty first (1772) Royal Assemblies. Elected by the parishes St. James Goose Creek and Prince William to the Thirty-third Royal Assembly (1773-1775), he chose to sit for the latter. He also represented Prince William in the First Provincial Congress (1775). WARD was a member of the Second General Assembly (1776-1778) and represented St. Bartholomew Parish in the Third (1779-1780) and Fourth (1782) General Assemblies. In the general election for the Fifth General Assembly (1783-1784), he received equal votes with Richard SINGLETON. Neither man won the ensuing special election. Other offices WARD held were vestryman for St. Michael Parish (1764-1765); Commissioner of the Work House & Markets (1764-1765); and commissioner, to purchase an estate for General Nathaniel GREENE (1782).

John WARD died on his plantation sometime during March 1783. He was survived by his wife, Love LEGER, daughter of Peter LEGER and Mary EVANS. Of the nine children born to this marriage, only four have survived: Joshua, John Peter, William, and Mary."

Editor's note: The above John WARD Jr. is, in my opinion & that of a few others, the man some have thought was the John WARD who settled at Bon Secour ca 1792 and later in Jackson Co., MS. As stated in my book, besides dying about nine year too soon, I do not believe this man ever spent any time in the Territory although he did have land grants there. With all of his businesses and the public offices he held, when would he have had the time?

The following was submitted to me by Dolores Miller daughter of Anita WARD. Anita was the daughter of Carter who was the grandson of William Josiah WARD, and great grandson of James B. WARD.

"Carter Ward, son of Thomas Franklin & Wealthy Adeline Silcox WARD, was born 6 Mar 1879 at Silcox Branch near Freeport, Walton Co., FL. He first attended school at Camp Creek near Freeport where his father and uncle, Sylvan SILCOX, hired a teacher by the name of Moss ROUGHTON to teach the children who lived nearby. Mr. ROUGHTON was paid \$20 per month plus room & board for his services. In 1893, when Carter was about 14, the family moved to Antioch which is located between Bruce and Freeport. A few years later they moved east to the head of Black Creek.

Carter was a tall handsome man, about 6'4", and had black hair and cornflower blue eyes. He was fun loving and always had an entertaining story to tell. As far as known, he was loved by all and had no enemies. About 1898 Carter & his brother Jasper attended Draughn's Business College in Montgomery, AL. It was there that he had his first taste of iced tea & saw coal used as fuel for the first time. In 1903 Carter married Cora Lee MILLER at Westville, FL.

Their first home was at "Carter's Branch" located near the farm of Cora's mother, Eliza Willis MILLER. The site is on highway #81 south, on the right, 2.5 miles from Seven Runs Creek. It is quite possible that Carter's Branch was named for Carter WARD after he made his home there. Shortly after their marriage, Carter drove a wagon and two mules to Freeport where he purchased a bed, dressing table, and a square oak table from J. J. McKaskell's Mercantile store. The price or the table, now in possession of Dolores, was \$2.98. It is not known when the family moved to Antioch, but it is there that their second child, Lula Jewell, drowned at the age of 17 months. She wandered out of the yard and fell into the nearby pond after someone had accidentally left the gate open; they then returned to Carter's Branch.

About 1912 the family moved to DeFuniak Springs and lived there until 1915. Between 1925 & 1927 the family lived in Panama City and was there during the great hurricane of 1926. Carter, who was working on a steamboat at the time, was on his way home and remembered this storm well. Another steamboat, the Tarpon, was lost off the coast of Ft. Walton Beach. According to Carter's reminiscences, times were pretty hard after "the panic" of 1929. During his years in the timber business, he began saving silver dollars in a bucket. When the job ended the family moved to White City, Gulf Co., FL. Carter rented a house and buried his silver dollars in the back yard. They lived on this money for quite a long time. The depression was in full swing in 1935 when the Ward's house burned. They lost almost everything, but somehow they managed to buy some land a few miles away and build a shotgun house. They bought chickens, hogs and cows, and planted a large garden. They built a barn, smokehouse and privy, and placed a big black pot in the back yard that was used to boil the clothes after they were washed.

I spent many happy days with my grandparents at this house when I was a child., and they lived in this house for the next 30 years. During the Depression and World War II eras they would often take in transients (hobos), feed them a hearty meal, and let them sleep on a cot on the back porch.

Cora was always up by daylight cooking breakfast on a large wood-burning stove. I remember particularly the biscuits she made, the butter I sometimes helped churn, and the homemade jams, jellies, and syrup. After she had eaten she would scrub the kitchen until it was spotless and then begin cooking the dinner which was usually fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, fried fish or pork chops, several vegetables that were picked from the garden or in the winter taken from jars that had been preserved, corn bread, ice tea, peach or blackberry cobbler or sometimes bread

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pudding. (Editor's note: If that's not enough to make you hungry, nothing will!)

At times Cora would have help from an old colored woman named "Cindy." I remember one time getting into trouble for locking Cindy in the smokehouse. Another time I traded the Ward's radio to a transient for a guitar. I remember thinking how proud they would be because in my opinion the guitar was so much more valuable than the radio. Needless to say, they did not agree with me.

During the 1930s & 1940s Carter hunted and fished and lived off the small farm. At times he trapped otters and alligators and sold their hides. For 27 years he was a member of the Gulf Co. school board. In 1961 Cora died and Carter soon sold the home and moved back to Walton Co. where he lived until the early 1970s. He was active and spry until about six months before his death 13 Dec 1975. He never lost his quick wit and sharp mind. He is buried next to his wife at the Dead River Cemetery near Bruce."

Some selected southern AL marriages that may be of interest and supplied, for the most part, by Bob Doherty:

1. Alice WARD & Howard PAUL, 13 Mar 1900, Baldwin Co. (dau. of Zachariah - I have Howard as an ELLIS ??)
- * 2. Delitha Jane WARD & Samuel R. WADE, 10 Oct 1856, Baldwin Co. (dau. of Henry WARD)
3. Lula WARD & Robert WILSON, 11 Nov 1895, Baldwin Co. (?)
4. Joseph D. WARD & Emma LINDEN, 22 Aug 1884, Baldwin Co. (Dan, son of James M. WARD)
5. Nancy E. WARD & Frank M. ELLIS, 22 Jan 1899, Baldwin Co. (dau. of Zachariah WARD)
- * 6. Pleasant WARD & Nancy Jane NELSON, 29 Apr 1859, Baldwin Co. ("Ples" was listed in J. B. CHILDRESS' affidavit and found in the 1860 census of Baldwin Co. - I guessed son of Henry until I saw the bible record)
- * 7. William W. WARD & Sallie PAUL, 3 Jul 1897, Baldwin Co. (son of Zachariah)
8. Ruth Idella WARD & Edward M. JERNIGAN, 1 Jun 1892, Baldwin Co. (dau. of Zachariah WARD)
9. Tarleton WARD & Rebecca SMART, 14 Mar 1856, Mobile Co. (son of Tarleton WARD)
10. C. J. WARD & Malissa PEEBLES 23 Dec 1880, Escambia Co. (son of Celestine WARD)
11. Isaac WARD & Lizzie MANNING, 15 Jul 1891, Escambia Co. (son of Sarah WARD)
12. Jackson P. WARD & Mary MCGILL, 29 Oct 1857, Mobile Co. (son of Patrick WARD)
13. Monroe WARD & Frances RILEY, 11 Feb 1897, Dale Co. (son of James B. WARD)
- * 14. Henry WARD & Emilie BOND, 12 Nov 1855, Baldwin Co. (son of John WARD)
- * 15. Peter WARD & Mary FORBES, 3 Jan 1866, Baldwin Co. (?)

* Bob sent me copies of these records.

The following lineage was furnished by Doris Buford of Conroe, TX:

Mariah (Mary) Ann WARD, daughter of David & Mary Ruth Kirkland WARD, b. 31 Mar 1842 in Walton Co., FL; d. 3 Nov 1907 in Shelby Co., TX; bur. in Short Cem. She m. John David PAGE. John, son of McDaniel PAGE & Martha GRIM, b. 6 Mar 1832 in GA; d. 15 Jun 1901 in Shelby Co., TX; bur. in Short Cem. Children:

i Laura Jane PAGE, b. 1865 in Shelby Co., AL; d. 1908; bur. in Short Cem. She m. John Joseph MANGRUM.

ii Margaret Ann PAGE, b. Oct 1868 in AL. She m. Sid HICKS 31 Dec 1904 in Shelby Co., TX.

iii David McDaniel (Uncle Bud) PAGE, b. Jan 1870 in AL; d. 2 May 1949 in Center, Shelby Co., TX; bur. in Short Cem. He m. Ida Frances GUNNELS.

iv Austin Richard PAGE, b. 16 Apr 1875 in AL; d. 6 Jun 1959 in San Augustine, San Augustine Co., TX; bur. in Short Cem. He m. Mary Lydia Estelle WILLARD 23 Oct 1904 in San Augustine, San Augustine Co., TX.

v Lizzie PAGE, b. 1877; d. in LA. She m. Hardy MILLS.

vi Burton PAGE, b. Jul 1881; d. in Shelby Co., TX; bur. in Antioch, San Augustine Co., TX. He m. Ada PASSMORE.

Deborah Biesbrock has informed me that Frances Elliott has located an "ancient" WARD bible and a photo of Rutha WARD with a relative in CA. Once in hand I would have to say that they have found the "genealogical mother lode."

Louise McKelvy added 2 children to Louise Ward ADKISSON (p. 88 of my book); Mary Evelyn & James Alton. Louise was the oldest of Louise Adkisson De LOACH's two children (p. 109 - I only listed her brother).

I have been in contact with Fred Turner of Crestview, FL. Fred is the son of Jesse Turner mentioned in the 1st newsletter and has documented all of his father's research. He is also the VP of the GSOC. He has supplied me with a more complete lineage for John & Gabriella Ward MEIGS. Fred says, "I need to ask him something now...What was the street address of the house in Troy, AL where I was born? But AT & T can't reach out and touch someone where he is. Their LD doesn't go there." Well, I always wished I had gotten the opportunity to talk with Jesse and I think he can reach out and touch a lot of folks for many years to come through Fred's efforts.

Changes to the mailing list:

1. Add Charles & Jeanette Henderson: P. O. Box 245, Baker, FL 32531 - Elijah WARD/Wm Marion WARD.
2. Remove the ? mark on Louise McKelvy's lineage: she descends from Elijah WARD/Celestine WARD (3rd m.).
3. Add Fred B. Turner: P. O. Box 387, Crestview, FL 32536 - Elijah WARD/Gabriella MEIGS.
4. Add H. E. Ellis Sr.: P. O. Box 1344, Biloxi, MS 39533 - David WARD/Sarah WARD.
5. Change Isabelle Tolar: Mailbox Depot #582, P. O. Box BD, Agana, Guam 96910.

Special thanks to Bob Doherty, Deborah Biesbrock, & Alberta Taylor for being so thoughtful. I would also like to acknowledge the special efforts of Bob, Deborah, & Mary Rouse, just in case you have not noticed, to make the newsletters a success. And thanks to everyone who has been a participant in this newsletter.

I can presently be found on America on Line - screen name = GRONJ; Internet address = gronj@aol.com

*** Next newsletter June 1st - More from Jeanette & Fred ***



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State of the Newsletter - I am more confident now in the future of the newsletter. I continue to enjoy the challenge and the results have been very surprising. From a personal standpoint the newsletter is already a tremendous success as it has made me work even harder on my own research. When I first started I thought it would be the "old timers" who would have to make this effort work, but some of the newcomers have made a very significant contribution. I have found that patience is the most important virtue a genealogist can have, so join me during the next year as we continue to shake the trees and wait for the answers to fall.

A number of you have contributed stamps and made donations to the newsletter effort. I appreciate that very much and I have tried to acknowledge you without it sounding like I was soliciting. But, everyone should know that I have had financial support in this effort and it is this help that has made it possible to continue on a non-subscription basis. I also appreciate all of the encouragement I have received over the past year. As my mother used to say when we would praise her cooking, "Rave on!" I will continue to need your material support during the next year so if you have anything you would like to share please submit it for publication.

The only requirement for receiving the newsletter continues to be an interest in the family history whether you are a researcher or not. I can only judge this interest by the response I receive so please let me hear from you if you have not been in contact with me since the newsletter started. This will ensure that you will not be dropped from the mailing list.

The Bakers

"War to the knife and knife to the hilt!" - the battle cry of the Tennesseans during the War of 1812 (from "Blaze of Glory") and may well become my motto before the Starks BAKER issue is completely resolved. But it never ceases to amaze me just how much data is waiting to be found.

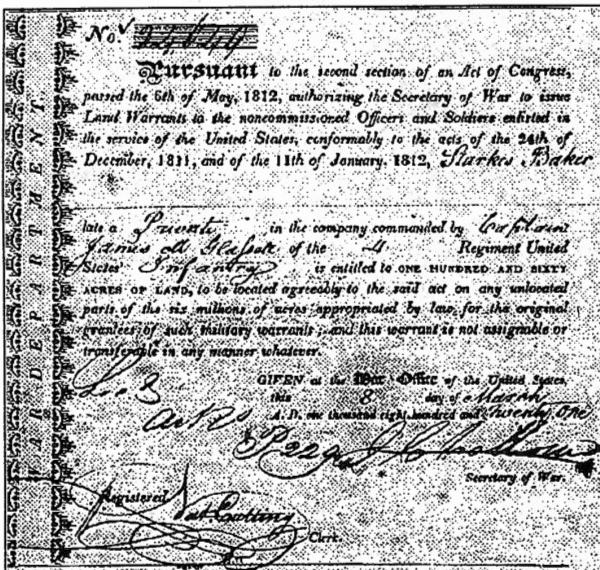
"Hunting for bear," I followed up on the lore re Starkes BAKER that was sent to me by Jim Thompson. I researched, with renewed enthusiasm, some early tax and census records of Arkansas; Arkansas Co. was the first county formed in AR. My feeling was that the lore naming "Arkansas Co., TN" had been confused, but was still a very good clue. I did look first in the area of Anderson Co., TN because, as Jim suggested, it was the only county in TN that begins with an "A." It did not turn up any possibilities.

Several weeks later while browsing at a Dallas suburban library I came across a shelf with only six books relating to Arkansas; one titled "Arkansas Military Bounty Lands (War of 1812)" compiled by Katheren Christensen caught my attention. There, ironically, I found the name of Starkes BAKER; warrant number given

was 24,629 with a patent date of 1821 for land located in White County (White was formed from Pulaski & Jackson Cos.; Pulaski formed from Arkansas). According to Mrs. Christensen: "after checking the names of these 6600 grantees with our index to the 1830 census of Arkansas, less than one percent were listed in the same county in 1830; 52 percent were listed in the state, but in different counties, the majority in southwest Arkansas." I believe that Starkes was one of those who never settled on his land. I am not even sure that he ever saw it. After he made his claim I think he probably used it to obtain his land in Walton Co., FL on the Yellow River.

N. B. Without the lore, even though it, like most lore, has not proven to be 100% reliable, I would have never picked up that book. The point is that it was a vital piece of the puzzle and again illustrates the importance of sharing information even though it may seem trivial.

At the Dallas library, I looked up the bounty land warrant number and to my surprise found a Sgt. Thomas WRIGHT. After regrouping from the disappointment and rechecking the index to verify the number I began looking at what I thought would be logical indexing errors. I still did not find it so assuming, and praying, that the first two digits were correct I started at 24,000 and scanned the microfilm. I found it at 24,649, just 20 past the point I started. It was a lengthy search, but well worth the effort: "... Starkes BAKER late a Private in a Company commanded by Captain James M. Glassall of the 4th Regiment U. S. Infantry is entitled to 160 acres of land." It was signed 8 Mar 1821. In the margin of this document, not shown below, "Rob' Carr Lane" is handwritten and under his name is "Mobile"; probably an attorney.



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From "Arkansas Land Patents - White Co." the land was located; NW 1/4, Sec. 9, Twp. 7N, R8W. From my atlas, this land is 7 or 8 miles due west of Searcy near Center Hill; Searcy is about 45 miles NE of Little Rock. Is this the "Arkansas Co., TN" connection? I ordered & received a copy of the original land patent from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the warrant number was transcribed wrong on this document. At the top of this document was a handwritten note: "Exemplification sent to Geo. Walker Pensacola, Florida May 16, 1836."

Children of George Washington BAKER submitted by Jim Thompson of Austin, TX:

George Washington BAKER, b. 19 Jan 1846 Walton Co., FL; d. 6 Mar 1932 Emille, Tyler Co., TX; bur. 7 Mar 1932 in Colmesneil, Tyler Co., TX. He was the son of Starkes BAKER & Mary Caroline MORRISON. He m. (1) Julia Philokely (Phi) BOSTICK 14 Mar 1872 Magnolia Springs, Jasper Co., TX. Julia, b. 24 Dec 1845 FL; d. 13 Nov 1888 Colmesneil, Tyler Co., TX. Children:

i Starkes William (Bill or S.W.) BAKER, b. 3 Dec 1872 Troup, Smith Co., TX; d. 19 Nov 1956 Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches Co., TX. He m. Ella Eugenia (Genia) HOPKINS 27 Dec 1899 TX. Ella, b. 29 Dec 1871 AL; d. 20 Jan 1949 Nacogdoches, TX.

ii Florida Tecola BAKER, b. 7 Mar 1874 Overton, TX; d. 27 Jan 1881 in TX.

iii James Henry BAKER, b. 10 Jun 1878 Jasper Co., TX; d. 26 Feb 1928 Livingston, TX. He m. Lucy (____).

iv Miss BAKER, b. 23 Mar 1880 Grapeland, Houston Co., TX; d. 23 Mar 1880 Grapeland, Houston Co., TX.

v Miss BAKER, b. 23 Mar 1880 Grapeland, Houston Co., TX; d. 4 Apr 1880 Grapeland, Houston Co., TX.

vi Mayes Moore BAKER, b. 13 Nov 1881 Grapeland, Houston Co., TX; d. 9 May 1965 Livingston, Polk Co., TX. He m. Lelia Adelle Barnes in 1910. Lelia, b. 1883; d. 1976. Mayes became a dentist.

vii George Tobin BAKER, b. 15 Feb 1886; d. 19 Feb 1886 in TX.

He m. (2) Martha Alice LANGHAM 1 Dec 1892. Martha, b. Oct 1858 TX. Children:

viii George D. BAKER, b. Oct 1897 Tyler Co., TX; d. 20 Mar 1944.

ix Robert S. BAKER, b. Oct 1899 TX.

From Alberta Taylor of Pensacola: A photo of Flora Catherine Holland BAKER, 2nd wife of Stark BAKER². This is significant because it seems to prove that this woman is not the same as the one in the photo with Stark in my book. Actually, Alberta & I miscommunicated a little in our discussions on this issue. She knew Flora at one time, and did not believe the photo was of her from the beginning. This leaves Stark's 1st wife Nancy STANLEY as the most likely prospect, with Stark's sister Samantha DAVIS as another possibility.

The following old obituary dated 19 Feb 1859 was sent to me by Deborah. "Died: In Robeson Co. [NC] on 17 ult., Mrs. Catharine BAKER, relict of the late Archibald BAKER, age 82 yrs. Among her children are Rev. Archibald BAKER of Salisbury and the Hon. James M. BAKER of Florida."

There was a James M. BAKER who was found in the early censuses, 1830-1850 of Escambia Co., FL.

There was also a James M. BAKER who was married to Nicey ENGLISH, possible sister, step or half sister to Elizabeth ENGLISH who married James B. WARD. The latter from a document sent to me by Dolores Miller.

Supplied by Margie Gatti: In the introduction of a book on Creek social organization and usages by John R. Swanton, the author credits many Creeks & Seminoles for their contributions, direct or indirect, to his work. His research was accumulated in 1911 & 1912. Among those listed was a Jackson KNIGHT & a John BAKER. In the final Creek census roll of 1907 (#1558) there were full blooded Creeks by the names of John BAKER, age 48 & his apparent wife Mentie 46.

An interesting item from "Daniel Campbell & Effie McLean and Other Connections" by Mayme Tyner: "Franklin KING, one of the pioneer settlers of the Oak Grove Community, had the unique experience of living in three different counties in the State of Florida while living in the same house; Walton, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa." This illustrates a common problem that is encountered by genealogists in their research. Submitted by Jeanette Henderson.

The Wards

Daniel D. CAMPBELL is listed on the same document as Elijah WARD; document #437 American State Papers re Claims to Lands in W. FL. He habitated and cultivated 3 or 4 acres of land in Escambia Co., FL between 1820 & 1821. Daniel's granddaughter, Catherine CAMPBELL, married William Marion WARD (son of Elijah).

A lot of weight seems to have been given to the Creek connection in the John & Elijah WARD families as a result of Jesse Turner's research. So I posed the following question to his son Fred: "I have heard of a lot that has been attributed to him [Jesse], but the only documentation I have seen is an affidavit he wrote back in 1960 and the newspaper article written a while back. I have heard that he changed his opinions over the years and would love to know what he believed re some of the controversial issues when he finally set genealogy aside."

Fred's response: "I don't know exactly which change Dad made. If you'll tell me, maybe I can add to it. I do know one, and that to do with his search on proving his Indian heritage as he wanted to prove it. That was the reason that he went thru the Chief William McIntosh down thru Catherine 'Kate' McIntosh who is buried at Crowder Chapel at Mossy Head."

All of us will probably not interpret Fred's answer the same way, but it is very significant to me that Jesse seemed more confident in his McINTOSH connection, through the COUSINS family, than his WARD connection to the Creek Indians. Although I never met Jesse, I know he must have been a very serious researcher. He began his research at a time when genealogy was not as popular as it is today, computers did not exist, and there were not as many indexes and other shortcut tools to make our research easier.

In the 4th newsletter I discussed one of Wyley Ward's "hangups;" the WARD/LADD deed. What other "hangups" did Wyley have about the research in the WARD families

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of Walton, Co., FL, Baldwin Co., AL, & Jackson Co., MS? Again quoting that letter of 23 Feb 1992 to Betty Perkins: "First, I can not see the tie between Elijah Ward [of Walton Co., FL] and the John Ward family of Jackson Co., MS. I find no mention of Elijah Ward being in the MS Territory or in Spanish West Fla. between 1800 and 1816. While at the same time, I find references to John Ward and his sons, Moses, Patrick, and Tarleton in at least six different sources. If Elijah Ward was in this area during this period, I find it hard to believe that his name would not appear on either a tax list, a signature on a petition, on a census roll, etc." Editor's note: The first known record of Elijah is an 1816 Clarke Co., AL marriage record. Still more from Wyley in the next newsletter.

There is a very colorful individual found in "Ward's History of Coffee County" by Warren P. Ward that was sent to me by Dolores Miller. That's Coffee Co., Georgia. He was known as Old Man Billy Ward and he was a blacksmith, Baptist preacher, pioneer doctor, and a "useful man." He was also quite a philosopher as evidenced by the following quote: "If all the water was in one place and all the trees in one tree, all the men in one man and all the axes in one axe -- Then if the big tree stood by that big water and if that big man should take that big axe and cut down that big tree in that big lake of water, whoopee! Wouldn't it make a splash."

He was said to have plenty of cows, but seldom beef. He said if he knew which cow he would lose in the winter he would kill her in the summer and thus economize. He remained home during the Civil War and was one of the few men left in his community. He would kill the cows for his neighbors. The cows were not used to seeing men during that period and were said to hate seeing them more than dogs. But Uncle Billy knew how to fool them. He put on a sun bonnet and an apron and then he could keep them still long enough to shoot them.

Dolores also sent me the obituary of Thomas Jackson "Jack" WARD of Cantonment who died 20 April 1995. Jack was born in Bogia, FL 30 Dec 1913 and was a life long resident of Escambia Co. While Bogia is very close to where Celestine & James M. WARD lived, I am almost certain he is not related. It is my guess that he was a descendant of David WARD of Walton Co., FL. He was preceded in death by son Grady Leon & daughters Elanor Marie Ward & Dyann Rigby Brake. He was survived by wife Mary Louise, sons Billy R., Dewey R., Troy E., Joe Rigby, & Eugene Rigby, daughters Bonnie Voncile Silcox, & Gwendolyn Cook, and a sister Maggie Mae Brooks. He was buried at Ray's Chapel Cemetery in Bogia.

Bon Secour Mysteries - In rereading some of my old notes & letters I came across a letter from George Marchelos. The following is an excerpt that mentions two of the Charleston brothers: "Benjamin & Daniel both served on the Provincial Assembly (Benjamin served Mobile). Benjamin was listed by an American spy in New Orleans as a moderate Loyalist then in New Orleans (1782). Benjamin also wrote a series of 22 letters from the Fish River in 1778-1779 to British officials in Mobile asking for supplies to protect him against Americans in the area. This no doubt is in reference to the Willing Raid. He had slaves because he says he will post them to picket duty." I remembered that Benjamin and Daniel served Mobile,

Benjamin also served Pensacola, but I had forgotten that Benjamin had written letters from Fish River.

I was especially pleased to get a copy of the WARD plat on Fish River from Bob Doherty as I had never seen the actual document. Are the deed and land transactions citing "Benjamin, Daniel, & John" a result of the legal entanglements that were initiated by their SC descendants? I think the "heirs of" has commonly been overlooked or omitted. I discovered that this document re Fish River was actually a survey done in 1839 for the "heirs of Benjamin, Daniel, & John WARD." I am confused as to what all transpired with this property. According to an affidavit, Daniel left it in his will to Daniel JUSAN(T) who later sold it to Louis BODIN; by 1813 the WARD heirs claimed this land and other land in the Mobile area owned by Daniel. According to George Marchelos, it later fell into the hands of the WEEKS family. It was apparently in litigation for a long time. I think this litigation is what made some researchers think that the John WARD of Charleston lived there, but the 1813 power of attorney states "... of John WARD of Charleston S. Carolina deceased." As far as I can determine, of these three brothers, only Daniel, and possibly Benjamin, ever actually lived near Mobile. Just an educated guess places the southern tip of this land just a few miles from where the other John WARD lived on Bon Secour River. And this has probably contributed to the confusion too. I still think they lived too close together, however, not to be related! This John WARD's son Daniel, b. 20 Apr 1795, was the godson of Daniel JUSAN and I believe this certainly strengthens the John WARD of Bon Secour/Charleston, SC ties.

In a 1780 Spanish map Mobile Bay showing plantations of the area, there is one marked WARD at the mouth of "R. Del Buen Socorro." (Bon Secour in French) The source of the map was "E. De Boya Medina Rojas Jose Ezpeleta Gabernado De La Mobila Escuela de Estedros Hispano-Americanos de Sevilla - C.S.I.C. Ex coma De sputacion." (I hope I have transcribed this correctly) This map was found and sent to me by Margie Gatti of Mobile. It was also listed as being courtesy of the Bienville Historical Society. I had previously determined that the land at Bon Secour on which John WARD lived was not inhabited by him until ca 1793. In his petition to the Spanish Governor, dated 1803, he stated he had lived on the land for 10 years and that he obtained it from John EVEN. (This petition casts doubt on KENNEDY claim below). This was also based on the birth locations & dates of his children shown in the census. If these facts are all true then the land was owned by "WARDs," then John EVEN, and then John WARD.

Legal representatives of William E. KENNEDY also seems to get into the act in a claim against what was once John WARD's 6400 acres at Bon Secour dated 26 May 1832. (American State Papers) According to this claim KENNEDY cultivated this land 1800 - 1814.

Another piece of property claimed by the "heirs of Ben¹, Dan¹, Joshua, & John WARD" was 500 arpents on the island of Cowemia (American State Papers #234). I have not located this island. Anyone know where it is?

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Jeanette Henderson sent me a copy of an early map of Santa Rosa Co., FL. On this map there is part of what was then Walton Co. showing a town named "Wardville." It was located East of the Yellow River & North of the Shoal River where Crestview is located today. Celestine WARD had a farm near this area and Elijah is said to be buried there. There was also a town in the northern part of Escambia Co., FL called "Wardville" (aka Ward's Mill) where "Teen" settled between 1870 & 1880. This town later officially became Davisville.

From Dr. Brian R. Rucker, a historian who teaches at Pensacola Junior College, is working on the history of Santa Rosa Co., and writes articles for the "Florida Historical Quarterly," an excerpt from his letter dated 31 March 1995: "Were you aware of the community of Wardville (located on the present-day site of Crestview, Okaloosa County, FL)? Wardville received its own post office in 1855 which continued until 1867 (with one brief interruption between 1858-1860). The National Archives has the postal records for Walton County, FL -- where Wardville was located then -- and will probably give you the names of the postmasters. I'd bet good money that a Ward was the first postmaster there. It might be a possible lead for you." Dr. Rucker got my name from Jeanette Henderson and he has been one of several very pleasant surprises in my research this year.

Also according to Dr. Rucker, Austin NICHOLS was the 1st Postmaster of Austinville, FL. It is my educated guess that this man is the younger brother of Covall's father Samuel.

According to the National Archives: the Wardville Post Office was established 17 Aug 1855 with Asberry B. GRIGGS as its postmaster. It was discontinued 14 Jun 1858 and reestablished 29 Aug 1860 with Obediah EDGE its postmaster; it was discontinued again 19 Mar 1867. The name was changed to Crestview 15 Mar 1883 when it was reestablished (this was not entirely clear to me from the paperwork I received, but was stated by the NA clerk in a hand written note). Hamner F. POWELL was the new postmaster and at that time Crestview was described as a village of 50 inhabitants and the P. O. would serve a population of about 300.

John B. MEIGS was the postmaster at Almirante 12 Mar 1846 - 29 Aug 1846 & 6 Jun 1853 - 6 Dec 1856. He was the postmaster at East River 8 Aug 1849 - 5 Feb 1850 & at Mossy Head 2 Nov 1883 - 15 Jul 1884; his son Charles D. took over at that time until 5 Jan 1886. - James D. CLARY was the postmaster at Almirante 26 Nov 1847 - 25 Dec 1848. - There was a John B. WARD as postmaster at "Free____" 14 Mar 1882 - 7 Jul 1882; this is not Freeport as there are records there for this town too.

Did you know that DeFuniak Springs, renamed 1885, was "Funiak" in 1882 and "Lake de Funiak" in 1883?

From Dr. Rucker, a letter March 31, 1995: "Your great-great-grandfather - Elijah W. Ward - probably is the same "Mr. Ward" who in 1822 opened up a ferry service at "the head of Yellow Water Bay." This was located approximately where I-10 crosses upper Blackwater Bay today (in the vicinity of Ward Basin). By 1828 this ferry was reported to be abandoned. Do you know exactly where Elijah Ward lived or owned land in the 1820s?"

Letter dated April 20, 1995 "... about the ferry service references you were interested in.... According to the Pensacola Floridian, 10 December 1821, C. Cassin was operating a ferry service at the 'head of Yellow Water Bay.' Cassin resided 'on the Point at the head of Yellow Water Bay.' The following year, as noted in the Pensacola Floridian, 1 June 1822, a 'Mr. Ward' had established a ferry on the head of Coal or Black Water Bay. This may have supplanted Cassin's operation. By 1828 this ferry service across the upper reaches of Blackwater Bay was reported to be abandoned according to: Daniel E. Burch, Sketch of the Country between Pensacola and Mobile Bay -Map, March 10, 1828, found in Clarence Edwin Carter, ed., The Territorial Papers of the United States, 28 vols. (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1960), Volume 23: plate opposite page 1038."

Dr. Rucker has published a book that may be of interest to some of you: "Index to Deaths and Marriages in Pensacola Newspapers, 1821-1865." 8 1/2 X 11, 128 pages, with historical background & index. The price is \$19 plus postage of a \$1.75 1st copy, & \$.50 each add. copy; FL residents add 7% sales tax. Order from: Patagonia Press, P. O. Box 284, Bagdad, FL 32530.

From Laura McGinley of Hattiesburg, MS:

1. A Perry Co., MS marriage record of Henry K[nox] WARD to Amanda C[aroline] Breland. It is dated 30 Nov 1885. Henry was the son of Cornelius who was the son of Tarleton S. WARD Sr. [This lineage is part of that of Forrest Ward of Austin, TX.]
2. From the "Hattiesburg American": Obituary for M. L. [Moses Lewis] WARD mentions his wife, deceased, Margaret McINNIS, daughter Bertha HATCH, & son D. McInnis WARD; he died 26 Apr 1940. [Moses was the son of John Knight WARD who was also the son of Tarleton S. WARD Sr.] Also included was an article naming Moses as Hattiesburg's first city marshall. He made the first arrest in Oct 1884; a drunken Irishman who built a fire on Main street.
3. Obituary of Thomas B. WARD who died 23 Feb 1930 when his "flying boat" crashed near Miami. It names his father W. H. [William Henryl WARD, wife Marie, son Otis, brother Frank, sister Mrs. P. E. HARRIS, and an aunt Mrs. [Cynthia Melissa Ward] McGinley, Laura's grandmother. W. H. was the son of Elijah C. WARD who was the son of Henry WARD.

From Barbara Prestridge of Tupelo, MS: A story from "History of Conecuh Co., AL" by Rev. B. F. Riley relating the 1859 murder of Allen Page, a prominent citizen of Fork Sepulga. Irvin & Stephen WARD, brothers, had attempted to rob him and a companion, John WRIGHT, of the proceeds of a cotton sale killing Mr. Page. Under suspicion from the beginning, but only circumstantial evidence against them, the WARD boys finally confessed. Just one week after the crime was committed the boys were hung at the same location. Before their execution they made a statement that no malice had prompted their bloody deed and Mr. Page was among their best friends.

James Hubbell is trying to determine from which faction of Walton Co., FL WARDs he descends. My guess is David WARD, but he has been told that he descends from James B. WARD; he tends to disagree with the

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latter. The earliest ancestors he can identify is Captain Asa WARD who was born in Freeport, FL ca 1856; his son Cornelius Adolphe WARD lived in Pensacola, FL.

"The Thoughts of Youth are Long, Long Thoughts..."¹
William Burrows, Lt., USN by Mary Powers Anderson²

On Wednesday, September 8, 1813, the little town of Portland, Maine was awake and stirring early. Neighboring farmers had been coming into town during the night, and by nine AM the streets were lined with an excited, curious crowd. Two days before a sea-battle had been fought off their shores, and today was the day that the captains of the ships, one British and one American, both of whom had been killed in the battle, were to be buried. Not only was there to be a grand procession through the streets, but the two captains were to be buried side by side! The people could hardly wait to see the spectacle.

Both of the captains were young men. Samuel Blythe, the commander of the British brig *Boxer* was twenty-one years old, and William Burrows, commander of the American brig *Enterprize*,³ was only twenty-eight.

William Burrows, the son of William Ward Burrows, first commandant of the U. S. Marines, and Mary Bond,⁴ was born in Philadelphia on October 6, 1785. On 10 November 1799, at the age of fourteen, he was warranted a midshipman in the United States Navy.

A midshipman was on the lowest rung of the naval officer's career ladder – senior only to the ship's cat. He was appointed by warrant and not commissioned,⁵ but was expected to climb into the commissioned ranks.⁶ It was an extremely hard way of life, and the attrition rate was great, but those who survived often did climb to high rank. Most midshipmen came to their post through political influence; they were apprentices, learning their trade by living it.⁷

A midshipman's duties were usually anything the captain thought he ought to do. They were, as potential officers and gentlemen, quartered separately from the enlisted men, and were between the two worlds of officers and men, included in neither. They spent their time standing watch, listening to lectures, practicing navigation, and running errands for officers. The captain of a ship had absolute control and absolute responsibility for his ship. A midshipman lucky enough to serve under a captain who took care to educate his officers was very fortunate. William Burrows joined his first-ship in January 1800. She was the 24 gun *Portsmouth*, a ship under the command o Captain Daniel McNeil, who has been described as "gallant though eccentric."⁸ *Portsmouth* sailed to France to bring back the United States envoys who had concluded peace negotiations with France. Once there, Burrows obtained a furlough for the purpose of perfecting his skills in navigation and French. Apparently, he stayed in France for a couple of years; it is not until 1803 that he appears again, when in the fall of that year he joined the frigate *Constitution* at Gibraltar.

Constitution was under the command Edward Preble. The United States, along with the European powers, had been paying tribute to the North African Barbary States⁹ in exchange for the safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean. In 1801 the pasha of Tripoli repudiated his treaty with the U. S. and declared war by chopping down the flagpole of the U. S.

consulate. This infuriated the United States, and Jefferson dispatched the navy's Mediterranean squadron. This initial show of force discouraged the other Barbary States from joining Tripoli, but accomplished little else. Preble's squadrons operated in the Mediterranean between 1803-1805 and ended the annual tribute previously demanded by the pasha of Tripoli.

Edward Preble was a sick man when assumed command of his squadron, with either severe stomach ulcers or cancer. He had a violent temper, no doubt aggravated by his illness, but he was a dynamic leader, and was adept at bringing out the capabilities of his subordinates. His lieutenants, called "Preble's Boys,"¹¹ grew to fame during the War of 1812, and established our present-day naval tradition.

William Burrows was made acting lieutenant aboard *Constitution*. In October 1803 he celebrated his eighteenth birthday aboard the ship, and for the next two years participated in the exciting events of the Tripolitan War, including the blockade and battle of Tripoli in August of 1804.

In September of 1804 Preble was relieved by Samuel Barron. Barron became ill, and gave command of *Constitution* to John Rodgers, who was described by Noadiah Morris, one of Preble's Boys, as an officer whose "reputation as a fighting man has originated... in his black looks, his insufferable arrogance, and the frequent and unmerited assaults he has made on poor and inoffensive citizens."¹²

The "poor and inoffensive citizens" were no doubt his luckless officers, William Burrows among them.

In April 1805, Lt. Presley O'Bannon, a twenty year old Marine from *Argus*, and Midshipman George Mann, from the same ship, "with a few brave fellows with them, enter[ed] the fort, haul[ed] down the enemy's flag, and plant[ed] the American Ensign on the Walls of the Battery.....¹³ of the town of Derna.¹⁴ They, along with the one-time American consul at Tunis, William Eaton, 500 men and 107 camels, had marched 600 miles overland from Alexandria, in an attempt to replace the reigning pasha of Tripoli with his brother, Hamet Karamanli. On June 10 *Constitution*, with Burrows aboard, arrived at Derna with the news the Americans had made peace with the Pasha of Tripoli.

Rodgers and *Constitution* then sailed to Tunis, where the local bey was making troublesome sounds. Spoiling for a fight, the American squadron sailed into Tunis Bay; however by August the bey had had enough and signed a treaty with the United States.

On 19 March 1807 William Burrows was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

Constitution stayed in the Mediterranean until June 1807, when H.M.S. *Leopard* fired on the American frigate *Chesapeake*. The ensuing crisis brought *Constitution* and Burrows back home.

This crisis was one of the causes of th War of 1812. In response to the unsolicited attack on *Chesapeake*,¹⁵ Congress passed the Embargo Act. This act prohibited all exports to Europe, and restricted imports from Great Britain. This of course, provoked strong opposition from American farmers and commercial interests, and smuggling became a popular pastime. Jefferson had earlier decided that many small ships were superior to one large ship, and in 1805 Congress directed the construction of gunboats: small schooners, 50 to 70

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feet in length with one of two heavy guns and a crew of about forty men, the senior being a lieutenant.¹⁶ In all, 177 gunboats were constructed, and in 1808 William Burrows was given command of *Gunboat Number 119* on the Delaware River, with instructions to enforce the embargo.

In 1809 Lt. Burrows joined the frigate *President*, under the command of William Bainbridge. For several months Burrows and *President* cruised off the eastern coast of the United States, then he joined the brig *Hornet*. During the time he was with *Hornet*, she too cruised home waters, and carried dispatches to Holland, France and England. While on *Hornet* he behaved with sound seamanship during a gale at sea.¹⁷ In November 1809 *Hornet* was docked at the Washington Navy Yard to be rebuilt, and William Burrows dissatisfied that he had remained a lieutenant while others junior to him had moved up in rank,¹⁸ sent in his resignation from the Navy. Secretary of the Navy Hamilton refused to accept his resignation, and offered Burrows a year's furlough. William accepted this and joined the merchant ship *Thomas Penrose* as one of her officers. He sailed to India and China aboard her; during the return voyage *Thomas Penrose* was captured by the British, and taken to Barbados. Burrows was allowed to go home on parole, but by the spring of 1813, his exchange had been arranged and he was free to resume active duty. In the summer of 1813 he was given command of *Enterprize*.

Enterprize, the third of her name,¹⁹ was the same ship that had made a name for herself in the Mediterranean during the Tripolitan War. During her service in the Mediterranean she was rigged as a schooner, a ship with two masts that slanted astern, and with fore-and-aft sails (sails that hang along the length of the ship), but in 1812 she was refitted as a brig (two masts and with sails that hang from a spar on the mast) and given 14 guns rather than 12. Her conversion to a brig had considerably reduced her speed, but had increased her offensive power at close quarters - she now carried, instead of twelve six-pounder guns, fourteen 18-pounder carronades and two nine pounder guns.²⁰ She had a crew of over a hundred men crammed into a ship about 80' long and 23' across the beam, and was very uncomfortable.

On 31 August, 1813, William Burrows and *Enterprize* arrived in Portland, Maine. His orders were to protect the coast from British privateers operating out of Nova Scotia, and he was after the brig *Boxer*, which had captured an American schooner the beginning of August.

On Sunday, the 5th of September, gunfire was heard at sea, and *Enterprize* went in pursuit. The wind was light and it was flood-tide, so, unable to sail out of the harbor, she dropped her boats into the water, "...and they were ranged in a line ahead of the brig, and, with exciting songs, towed her out clear of the land, and she bore away for Seguin.²¹ At 8:30 AM, *Boxer* fired a shot as a challenge, hoisted three English ensigns, and headed for *Enterprize*, who kept to the south and prepared for action. By noon, the wind had picked up, but Burrows continued to hold off, apparently testing the sailing qualities of his converted schooner. He moved one of his guns aft and pointed it through his cabin window, possibly to alter *Enterprize*'s trim. At 2:15 PM *Enterprize* shortened sail, hoisted three ensigns and fired a shot at *Boxer*. By 3:15 she was in position, and the crew of *Boxer* gave three cheers and fired a broadside from her guns.²² *Enterprize*'s

crew cheered and fired, and the battle had begun.

The first broadsides were deadly. Captain Blythe of *Boxer* received an 18-pounder through the body and fell dead. Burrows received grapeshot in the thigh and fell, bleeding and refusing to be carried below. While lying on deck he "raised his head and requested that the flag might never be struck."²³ Each ship continued to fire as rapidly as possible, and *Enterprize* drew ahead of *Boxer*, raking her with fire from the gun Burrows had moved into his cabin. *Enterprize*, now under the command of Lt. McCall, swung around and continued to rake *Boxer* repeatedly, destroying *Boxer*'s main topmast. By 3:45 PM it was over. *Boxer* was a wreck, with one third of her men killed or wounded. The British crew ceased firing and desperately hailed *Enterprize*, calling out that they surrendered but couldn't strike their colors as they had nailed them to the mast.²⁴

Captain Blythe's sword was given to William Burrows, still lying on deck. He said, "I am satisfied, I die contented," and was carried below. The crew of *Enterprize* began to bring both ships back to Portland. Eight hours later, William Burrows died.

On Monday the ships reached Portland Harbor and tied up at Union Wharf. Everyone who wanted to see the ships went on board. The town was in a frenzy of excitement - they had been unable to see any of the battle the day before, just the smoke of the guns, and had no idea of the result until *Enterprize* came into view, leading *Boxer* under the American flag. The two commanders were each wrapped in his own flag, and preparations begun for the double funeral on Wednesday.

At 9AM on Wednesday the funeral procession formed outside the courthouse in Portland. Solemnly, they marched down to Union Wharf, where the bodies of the two captains were brought from the ships on barges, rowed at minute strokes; a band played solemn music, and minute guns were fired alternately from each vessel.²⁵ Once the bodies were landed, the procession started out through the town, through silent streets lined with people, past people filling the windows and standing on the roofs of buildings. A military escort led, followed by Portland Selectmen and officials, and the clergy. The body of Captain Burrows followed, then the chief mourners, Dr. Washington and Captain Hull.²⁶ The officers and crew of *Enterprize* followed, then the body of Captain Blythe, and his officers and crew. The procession continued with everyone participating, from the Marshal of Maine, to members of the state legislature, to the Citizens in General. They filed along the streets of Portland to the Meeting House of the Second Parish. There the remains were placed in the aisle, everyone who could crowded into the church, and the service began.

After several hymns and a long prayer by the Reverend Mr. Payson, the procession reformed and marched along Middle and King Streets to the burial ground, accompanied by the firing of minute guns by two artillery companies. The bodies were placed side by side in their graves and three volleys were fired over each grave. The procession then moved back to the court house, where Commodore Hull thanked one and all for their participation.²⁷

On the 15th of September a dinner was given at Union hall for the officers of *Enterprize*, while the crew had their dinner at Mechanic's Hall. The *Boxer* was sold at auction for \$5600; her guns and ballast also sold,

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bringing the total sale to \$9755. The heirs of Captain Burrows received \$1115 prize money,²⁹ and the seaman's shares were \$55.

The officers and crew of Boxer took up a collection and placed a monument over Lt. Blythe's grave, but Lt. Burrows' grave remained unmarked until a passing stranger, Silas M. Burrows of New York, erected a monument there.³⁰

The story of the battle and the two gallant captains passed into the folklore Portland. In 1855, a native of Portland, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, brooding over his youth and his native town, wrote a poem he entitled "My Lost Youth." In it, he remembered the two young men who lie there together:

"I remember the sea-fight far away,
How it thundered o'er the tide!
And the dead captains, as they lay
In their graves, o'erlooking the
tranquil bay
Where they in battle died.
And the sound of that mournful song
Goes through me with a thrill:
"A boy's will is the wind's will,
And the thoughts of youth are long,
long thoughts."

¹ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "My Lost Youth." *The Poetical Works of Longfellow*, Boston: 1975, p. 194.

² Mary Powers Anderson is a first cousin, six times removed, to William Burrows. She is the 5-great granddaughter of his aunt Mary (Burrows) Atkinson.

³ This was the accepted spelling for the ship at that time. With later ships of the same name, it was changed to *Enterprise*.

⁴ See the article "It Is My Duty to Support My Officers..." *Wards and Bakers of the Deep South*, June 1995, 5th Edition, p. 3.

⁵ "Warrants" were received from the president. Warrant officers, who ranked above enlisted men but below officers, were usually veterans with particular specialties: boatswain, gunner, sailmaker, carpenter. Also appointed by warrant were the purser and sailing master.

⁶ If a midshipman acquitted himself to the satisfaction of his captain he could be expected to be commissioned a lieutenant. His commission depended on the availability of berths, which depended on the number and size of vessels in service. There was a finite number of positions available. The commissioning of a new ship created more, and the death of officers during war created an opportunity for advancement.

⁷ The Naval Academy at Annapolis was established in 1845, ending this system.

⁸ William Burrows, "Dictionary of American Biography," Volume II. New York: 1958, p. 337.

⁹ Tripoli, Algiers, Morocco, and Tunis.

¹⁰ His squadron eventually consisted of the frigates *Philadelphia*, *New York*, and *John Adams*; brigs *Argus* and *Siren*, and the schooners *Enterprize*, *Vixen* and *Nautilus*.

¹¹ Preble's Boys" included Stephen Decatur, Jr., who commanded *Enterprize* in the Mediterranean, and who was, at age twenty-five, the youngest man ever to hold the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy. In 1815 he completed what Preble had begun in the Mediterranean by conquering Tripoli.

¹² William M. Fowler, Jr., *Jack Tars and Commodores: the American Navy. 1783-1815*. Boston: 1984, p. 114.

¹³ Fowler, *ibid.*, p. 118.

¹⁴ This is the battle that is remembered in the Marine Hymn as

"the shores of Tripoli."

¹⁵ Chesapeake, James Barron's flagship, had been accused by the British of harboring British deserters. When she reached open sea, *Leopard* opened fire on her. *Chesapeake* was unable to respond - her guns had been slung to make room for her passengers and all their luggage. *Leopard* fired several broadsides at *Chesapeake*, boarded her and removed the men the British claimed were deserters, and allowed *Chesapeake* to limp back into Hampton Roads.

¹⁶ Several of these little boats crossed the Atlantic to fight with the Mediterranean Fleet during the Tripolitan War.

¹⁷ William Burrows," *Dictionary of American Biography*, New York: 1958, p. 337.

¹⁸ Promotion was by seniority only, not merit.

¹⁹ There were a total of eight ships named *Enterprise*, the seventh of which was the "Big E," the aircraft carrier built in 1936. The eighth *Enterprise* is the first nuclear aircraft carrier, launched in 1960. (The ninth will be Captain James T. Kirk's starship NCC 1701.)

²⁰ Guns were labelled according to the weight of the ammunition they shot. A "carronade" was a short-muzzled gun.

²¹ William Goold, *Portland in the Past with Historical Notes of Old Falmouth*, Portland: 1886, p.483. Microfilm 0599250, item 2. Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.

²² "Starboard" - right side of the ship as you're facing forward.

²³ Goold, *op. cit.*, p. 484.

²⁴ Surrender at sea was traditionally signalled by lowering or "striking" the flag. Nailing the colors to the mast made it impossible to strike them, and was a signal that the ship would never surrender.

²⁵ Goold, *op. cit.*, P. 484.

²⁶ "Minute strokes," and "minute guns" were exactly what they sound like, strokes of the ears and firing of the guns at intervals of one minute, in token of mourning.

²⁷ This was Isaac Hull, who was naval commander in Portland at the time. He had commanded *Constitution* during her battle in 1812 with the British frigate *Guerrier*, which won the name "Old Ironsides." for *Constitution*.

²⁸ On 25 September 1815, Lt. Kervin Waters, of Georgetown, D. C., one of *Enterprise*'s officers, died in Portland, and was buried next to Lt. Burrows. According to his inscription, he received a mortal wound during the fight with *Boxer*. He was a midshipman at the time.

²⁹ These would be his sisters, Sarah (Burrows) Thompson and Frances Harriet Burrows.

³⁰ Goold, *cit.*, p. 489.

As always, thanks to all whose material I have used and especially to Mary whose efforts are once more very obvious.

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Welcome: Mary Milstead, 9030 Sexton Road, Milton, FL 32570. She researches NICHOLS & GARRETTs, is very enthusiastic, & is seeking help. Mark Lowe, 7492 Sandy Creek Dr., Pensacola, FL 32506. Mark descends from Elijah & James Melvin WARD.

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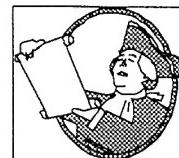
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Wards & Bakers of the Deep South

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Most of my new research this year has been in the BAKER family and this has probably been quite apparent to everyone. Please let me hear from you if you have done any new research on the WARD family. While my focus remains on the BAKERs I will need some help in this WARD family.

S.A.M.R. Fort St. Mark's, Fla, Dec 31/18, Present - I.R. & Mo.Ret Jany, I.R. Feby 28, & S.A.M.R. of Capt J. M. Glassel's Co. "D" Fort Gadsden, Fla. June 30/19, Discharged at Pensacola, Fla, Jany 23 or 27/19 term expired - See pension case."

The Bakers

My first thought after finding the bounty land record of Starkes BAKER was that my theory was proving to be true. That theory has been that he came out of TN as a young man with Jackson's army to fight the Creek and/or the British at New Orleans. The following records seemed to paint a slightly different picture until I found that Camp Russell was near Mobile, AL. My original guess was that it was also in Georgia and finding the location of this Camp was no easy task. This places Starkes in the "Deep South" immediately after the War ended and it now seems quite possible he served at Pensacola in November of 1814 and either remained with Major Blue's expedition or went on to New Orleans with Gen. Andrew Jackson's troops (see info from Dr. Rucker). The theory has served a very important purpose however as no matter how it works out, it has kept me in pursuit of the elusive Starkes BAKER.

At the Dallas library I found the following summary of Starkes' service in "Registers of Enlistments in the U. S. Army 1798-1814, M233, Roll #2, p. 215, #6264:"

Enlisted by Lt. Williamson for 5 years Jan 8, Apr 27 or Sept 18 or 27, 1814 as a Private in the 24th U. S. Infantry, Co. Commander Capt. B. B. Jones; no place of enlistment given. Description: height 5'-- , eyes blue, hair light, complexion fair, age 16, occupation farmer, & born in NC. Editor's note: I cannot explain the confusion re the enlistment date, but I believe it may well be one of the September dates even though the January date is stated in his discharge paper (see below). It becomes a critical piece of information and I will address this in the next newsletter.

The rest of the document was transcribed exactly the way it appeared on the service record: "D.R. Feby 16 & I.R. of Capt. Jas. Stuart's Co. Camp Russell April 30, June 30 & Aug 31/15, Present jd by transfer from Capt. Jones Co. Mar 20/15 - I.R. & S.A.M.R. of Capt. F. W. Armstrong's Co. 7th U. S. Infy Ft. Hawkins, Ga, Dec 30/15, Transferred to a det of 7th Infy Dec 23/15 I.R. & S.A.M.R. of Lieut. J. J. Clinch's Co. 7th Infy Fort Hawkins Dec 31/15. Jd by transfer from Capt. Armstrong's Co. Dec 23/15, serving as an Artillerist - I.R. of Capt Sam'l Spott's Det U. S. Infy Fort Hawkins, Ga Feby 29/16, I.R. of Capt. Jas E. Dinkin's Co. 4th U. S. Infy Fort Gaines April 30, I.R. & M.R. Aug 31 & J.R. Oct 31/16, Present - I.R. Montpelier, Feby 28/17, April 30, I.R. & S.A.M.R. June 30, I.R. Aug 31, & I.R. Fort Scott, Feby 28/18, Absent on command at Fort Gaines since Jany 6/17 - I.R. &

Notations used: D.R. = Descriptive Roll; S.A.M.R.= Semi-Annual Muster Roll; I.R. = Inspection return; Mo.Ret = Monthly return; Jd = Joined. See Pension Case - is added to records part or whole of which were copied at the pension office.

While the "place of enlistment" is blank, the 24th was a Tennessee regiment constituted 26 Jun 1812. It was commanded by Col. William P. Anderson. In May of 1815 the 24th & the 39th, also a Tennessee regiment, were consolidated into the 7th. So far I have been unable to determine where either of these two regiments were based prior to consolidation, but my educated guess is that the 24th was located in the Nashville area and the 39th in the Knoxville area. The birth place of NC and narrowing down of the year he was born (1798) changes the scope of our search considerably. It now seems quite possible that Starkes' family was still in NC for the 1800 census. The lack of information for the year 1814 in Starkes' record is common among many of the enlisted men I have scanned and I do not have an explanation.

Thinking, and hoping, that the National Archives might provide some additional information I requested the military records from them. I received a copy of the same summary shown above and nothing else.

"War of 1812 Genealogy" by Dr. George K. Schweitzer is an excellent book. He has also written a number of other books on how to research various wars and states. In it he states that some of the blanks found in the service summary can often be found in another area of the Archives: "Enlistment records: Record group 94 - Entry 91." Jim Thompson visited the Archives on a trip to Baltimore in August and looked at this file. He did not find the enlistment record of Starkes BAKER, but he did find several muster rolls dated Jul-Sep 1814. In one of them he says that there was a string of what looked like ditto marks in the "place of enlistment" column that would indicate that Starkes BAKER enlisted in Tennessee. One indicated he was a private and had received a \$50 enlistment bounty and was due another \$50; for the period 27 Sep-30 Sep 1814 he was due \$8.06 and the total due was \$57.06. It also indicated that he had been sick. These records tie Pvt. BAKER to Capt. Benjamin B. Jones & Lt. Williamson.

Discharge Paper of Starkes Baker, that was submitted as proof of his service for the purpose of obtaining the 160 acres of bounty land to which he was entitled. This was the

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only item of significance I received in my request for Bounty Land Warrant application records from NARA.

To all whom it may concern,
Know ye that Starkes Baker a Private of Capt. James M. Glassells Company Fourth Regiment of Infantry who was enlisted the Eighth day of January Eighteen Hundred and fourteen to serve five years, is hereby Honorably Discharged from the Army of the United States.

Said Starkes Baker was born in the State of North Carolina, is twenty one years of age, five feet high, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair and by occupation when enlisted a farmer.

Given at Pensacola in the Province of West Florida this 23
day of January 1819.

Registered by Henry Wilson (signed)
Adj 4th Infy Will Mims ?? (signed)

Editor's Note: Capt. Henry Wilson later commanded a company of the 4th Infantry Regiment and according to "West Florida's Creek Indian Crisis of 1837" by Dr. Rucker Maj. Wilson was involved with the Creek removal from NW FL.

location of the land that I included in the last newsletter. There was a handwritten note at the top which stated: "Exemplification sent to Geo. Walker, Pensacola, Florida May 16, 1836." I would assume from this that he still owned the land at this time. The patent had the President's initials "J. M." [James Monroe] and was signed by J. Meigs, Commissioner of the General Land Office. For those who may not be aware of it, this is Josiah MEIGS the father of John B. MEIGS who married Elijah WARD's daughter Gabriella.

Pension ? - The only men who served in the War of 1812 that were eligible to receive a pension prior to 1871 were those disabled in the war. Widows could also receive a pension after 1871 if they were married to the veteran prior to 1815. So the only way Starkes, or his widow Mary, could have been eligible would have been through his disability; Starkes d. 1868 & they did not marry until ca 1820. Note that at the bottom of the summary of the Starkes service found in his military record there was a comment: "See pension case." So I assumed one must exist even though I was not able to find Starkes' name in the pension index. My request to NARA was returned; they were unable to locate the file I requested. I am still trying to get clarification of the comment I found, but I now believe this comment probably refers to the Bounty Land records as they were kept by the same office.

A transcript of a letter written by George W. BAKER, son of Starkes BAKER, to his son Starks William and submitted by Jim Thompson:

Colmesneil, Tex
8 9 1926
Mr. S. W. Baker Cushing, Tex

Dear Son and all

I will write you a few lines in answer to your request of the 7nt.

Your mother and I landed at Troup Smith Co Tex Dec the second and struck camp west of the R.R. between the DPT and a mans house name Tarbutan. the next day the 3rd we move back on the east side of the R.T. and struck camp about one hundred yards south of the DPT on a little rise 30 or 40 feet from the RR. track when you was Born in a tent about 4. oclock Dec. the 3, 1872. about 30 or 40 yds North of our tent was the RR Boarding house and there was a family by the name of _ousser that I never will forget. they cooked and fetched our meals 3 times a day for a month and wouldnt have a cent for it. and waited on your Ma Ma just like she was a daughter.

This leaves us all up but not well your Ma Ma have 5 boils under one and arm and 2 under the other and some on her legs. but they are better now. I have been unnying around for 2 or 3 weeks the weather is so hot it sure gets my goat if you will excuse poor writing bad spellin and mistakes I will close for this time hope you will get to go to Troup and have a good time I am sending you a kind _____ of mabe it will help your understand it a little better.

your PaPa GW Baker

In May Hayward Davis of Crestview, FL sent me information on two of the BAKER allied families. His wife descends from Starkes BAKER's daughter Martha who

You saw a copy of his Bounty Land Warrant in the last newsletter. After receiving that certificate, Starkes BAKER returned the statement of the **Military Bounty Land Act** to the War Department. On the bottom of this Act was a hand written note, probably by attorney R. C. LANE of Mobile: "J. Meigs Esq. Sir, Please locate the above [his bounty land] in Arkansas and forward the patent to R. C. Lane at Mobile, Alabama." It was witnessed by Robert Carr Lane & Thomas T. Arterberry. It was signed "Baker" in a different handwriting than the note itself. This indicates to me that Starkes had some formal education; perhaps he was self taught.

The land patent was dated 31 Aug 1821 and gave the

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married John B. CLARY. Their daughter Mary Catherine married Peter B. SENTERFITT, son of Bennett C. SENTERFITT who was a brother of Robert F. SENTERFITT who married Elizabeth BAKER, sister of Martha Baker CLARY. (Are you still with me?)

Hayward also sent me two nice plats of the land near Oak Grove in Okaloosa Co., FL where the WARDs, BAKERs, CLARYs, & the SENTERFITTS lived. Starkes BAKER was in the E. 1/2 of the SW 1/4 Sect. 9; Nancy GIRTMAN, mother of John & James CLARY, the NW 1/4 Sect. 10; Berry MORRISON, who I believe may really be Benny (Benjamin) son of Norman MORRISON, SW 1/4 Sect. 10; John B. CLARY E 1/2 Sect. 14; James CLARY SE 1/4 of Sect. 4; William WARD W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sect. 3 & NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sect. 3 (the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sect. 3 is where Clary Cem. is located); Robert F. SENTERFIT W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sect. 22 & SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sect. 22. Below is a simplified Government Section to help you visualize the proximity of these lands. This section was located between Laurel Hill (*), centered at Section 5 of the eastern adjoining Goverment Section, and the Yellow River; each numbered section contains 640 acres.

06	05	04	03	02	01
07	08	09	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

*

I pointed out Berry MORRISON only to show the proximity of these MORRISONS to the BAKERs. The Nelly? MORRISON who married Starkes BAKER's son Henry might be a daughter of Norman MORRISON.

The Wards

A question was posed as to the reason I seem to place so much significance on Wiley Ward's opinions. After years of researching the WARD family of Walton Co., FL, Baldwin Co., AL, & Jackson Co., MS, I found myself, like a lot of other researchers, with some very strong opinions. I read a quote that seemed very apropos: "The less you know about a subject, the easier it is to have a strong opinion." I seemed to fall into this category so I made myself a checklist of about a dozen items for which I still did not have answers and went back to work. It was during this time that I received a copy of Wyley's 1992 letter to Betty Perkins who was apparently also seeking answers. I found his opinions very interesting and not just because I agreed with him on most points. At this time I thought that perhaps I was "too close to the forest to see the trees" and Wyley was one who could certainly offer me a knowledgeable, unbiased opinion. He did so in great detail. I did not stop with this particular letter and I initiated correspondence with Wyley myself. I appreciate the time he took to elaborate on all of my questions. From that same letter to Betty:

"Fourth, the John Ward family of Charleston, S. C. were

very wealthy during the Colonial Period and had close connections with British authorities. I am enclosing some more data on these families which are hard to rebut. These data show that the Ward brothers of Charleston, John, Joshua, Benjamin, and Daniel served in the Colonial Army during the French and Indian War thereby making them entitled to land grants from the British. I believe that these brothers received the land grants in West Fla. Whether any of them lived in West Fla. is unknown, but it appears that Daniel may have lived there for some period of time."

In some material re James Colbert of the Chickasaw Indians, sent to me by Deborah, I was reminded of the following quote. Val Greenwood in his book "The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy" once described family traditions as something that: "should be chewed and tasted but never swallowed. More often than not they contain threads (sometimes even cables) of truth that, when unraveled, provide useful clues and leads upon which to base research."

As Margie Gatti aptly pointed out in her letter published in a prior newsletter: "All events in history are not recorded & some that are, are incorrect." So we often find ourselves in a real dilemma as to just what we are to believe, especially when it takes so long for that truth to unravel.

Mary Anderson sent me city directory information for Charleston, SC she found at the LDS library. For the year 1790: Joshua WARD, attorney at law, & John WARD, 255 Meeting St.; Love WARD, 315 King St.; Theophilus WARD, schoolmaster, 24 Queen St. In the will of a John WARD, John Theophilus WARD was named as a witness. In "Some Information on Some Georgia Pioneers", "Theophilus WARD, Glynn Co., was a schoolmaster and died 1805." This appears to be a different Theophilus than the one Gene Welch is researching who died in Darlington Co., SC in 1819. Possible connections?

Gene sent me the following lineage he received from Frank A. Ward of C.A. Alexander (Elic) WARD of Sumpter Co., SC b. 30 Nov 1806 & d. 13 Dec 1855. He m. Louanna (Anna) HICKS (Anna MODALIN was named on a death certificate) Children:

1. William Beatic Alexander, 12 Mar 1837 - 27 Jul 1861.
2. Frances McCall, 26 May 1838 - 14 Sept 1842.
3. Peninia Elizabeth, 5 Sept 1839 - 11 Mar 1922.
4. Clarky Ellen, 1 Nov 1840 - 25 Apr 1925. She m. John Ebb WELCH & is said to have moved to FL.
5. Martha Elizabeth, 15 Apr 1842 - 19 Feb 1843.
6. Mary Susannah, 24 Mar 1845 - 24 Nov 1920.
7. James Philip, 25 Nov 1846 - ?????????.
8. Thomas Robin, 5 Nov 1849 - 25 Dec 1929.

Gene is not able to prove at this time that Alexander WARD is a part of his Theophilus WARD line but he does have a Bible record that closely agrees with Frank's stated birthday of Alexander WARD.

Another "loose end" - Early in my research I found an Elizabeth WARD in the 1860 census of Walton Co., FL. She was living with the Henry CHERRY family (#290), 55, and b. SC. Since this was close to James M. WARD (#295) and John E. WARD (#299) I thought she could be related to the Walton Co. WARDs. In a recent letter from Cal Campbell

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of Talladega, AL he states that she married a (James?) CHERRY had three sons, one of them Henry, married a man named (Malachi?) STEPHENSON, and that they fled SC in 1849 after he got drunk and killed a man. One son remained behind. In the censuses Elizabeth is listed as STEPHENSON in 1850 (#149) & 1870; in 1850 John MEIGS was #151 & Elijah WARD was #152. Cal believes she is the Elizabeth Stevenson buried in Smyrna Cem. in Dothan, AL. Did she marry a WARD between 1850 & 1860 or was this her maiden name? Could this be another clue to Elijah WARD's NC connection?

I thought I might get lucky and find a HART in the FL Indian Wars index who might be Gabriella WARD's first husband. I got too "lucky" and found six; Amos, Allen, Daniel, Isaac, John, & Reuben. All served in the same unit as Elijah WARD and for the same time period. All enlisted in Barrow's Co. 1st FL Mil at Yellow River 5/13/1837 & discharged 6/13/1838. I am not sure if it is significant or not, but I found no dates on Amos' service.

In a previous newsletter I mentioned I had found a number of Walton Co. residents in the FL Indian Wars. There was a very good reason for this as I recently learned from an article by Dr. Rucker titled "West Florida's Indian Crisis of 1837." It can be found in the Florida Historical Quarterly, Vol. 69 (Jan 1991). In it Dr. Rucker describes Walton Co. as the seat of the war. He states: "Renegade Creeks who opposed removal attacked isolated farmhouses, steamboats, frontier settlements, and travellers in the area from Columbus, Georgia, to Eufala, Alabama. These marauding Indians began moving westwardly to the upper reaches of the Pea River where they were defeated by militiamen in February and March of 1837. Following these losses, the renegade Creeks broke up into smaller bands and moved southwesterly along the courses of the Choctawhatchee River into Walton County, Florida, murdering and pillaging as they travelled."

The HART family probably had very good reason to be so well represented in this war. In his book "History of Walton County, Florida" John McKinnon describes how the families of Joseph Hart, who lived across the Pea River, had been massacred in the fall of 1835 and the unsuccessful attack on the family of Joseph's brother Robert.

After reading all of the back issues of the newsletter, Dr. Rucker requested copies of "Ward Record 1840" and the Ward story that allegedly appeared in the Pensacola Gazette. These are two of the controversial documents that have been discussed both in my book and in the newsletters. I sent him the copies with the request that if he formed any opinions to please let me know. The following were his responses:

"About the Ward story that allegedly appeared in the Pensacola Gazette of December 10, 1842. I have personally gone through every existing Pensacola newspaper from 1821-1865 and made my own personal index for material relevant to my research in West Florida. I have no such notation for any Ward account in the 12/10/1842 edition, but I do note the Walton County Campbell story. And looking at the Ward story you supplied me, I can give you my professional opinion as a historian that that particular story appeared in no Pensacola newspaper before the Civil

War. The style, the structure, the content, the details -- all of these are completely alien to the types of articles that ran in antebellum newspapers. I'd say it was from early to mid 20th century. You might want to try a wild hunch and check the Pensacola News, Pensacola Journal, Milton Gazette, and all Okaloosa or Walton County newspapers for December 10, 1942. However, I think the true source has been lost and the Campbell citation of 1842 ended up covering the Ward story as well."

"Like I mentioned earlier, the curious thing about "Ward Record 1840" is that some of the obscure information on Uriah Blue is fairly accurate in that account. I too would like to know how that 'document' reached its present form."

Dr. Rucker wrote an excellent account of Major Blue's travels in NW FL. It is titled "In the Shadow of Jackson: Uriah Blue's Expedition into West Florida" and can be found in the Florida Historical Quarterly - Vol. 73 (Jan 1995). The following excerpts sets the stage for Maj. Blue's campaign:

"In order to understand the complex arena in which Blue's invasion occurred, it is necessary to sketch briefly the final operations of both the Creek War and the War of 1812. Andrew Jackson virtually ended the Creek War in Alabama with his decisive defeat of the Creek Indians at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend on March 27, 1814. Many of the more recalcitrant warriors - known as the Red Sticks - refused, however, to accept the harsh surrender conditions imposed by Jackson at the Treaty of Fort Jackson and fled instead southward to the supposed safety of Spanish Florida. By May approximately 900 hostile Creeks took refuge in the vicinity of Pensacola, creating additional burdens for Spanish officials and providing military opportunities for British agents. The Indians, short on food and clothing, began plundering cattle from both Spanish and American settlers along the frontier. And Spanish authorities in Pensacola, fearful of American retaliation and unable to provide the Creeks with supplies, welcomed British offers of assistance. British ships unloaded supplies at Apalachicola for the despondent Indians, thereby rejuvenating their spirits and encouraging their hostility toward the Americans.

"By the early fall of 1814 British officers were actively training hostile Creeks and slaves in Pensacola and using Spanish West Florida as a base for British military operations against the American frontier. Such a threat did not go unnoticed by the United States. The harboring and arming of hostile Indians, setting up of British forces in Pensacola, blatant disregard of neutrality by the Spanish, and threat of an impending Gulf strike by a large British force were the justifications Jackson made for his quasilegal invasion of Spanish Florida. With a force of some 4,000 troops, composed of regular army, volunteers, and friendly Indians, Jackson entered West Florida and captured Pensacola on November 7, 1814. "The British hastily departed the Spanish town, and most of the Red Sticks and a number of runaway slaves fled eastward across Pensacola Bay and were encouraged to meet the British at their new base at Prospect Bluff on the Apalachicola River.

"While in Pensacola Jackson learned that thousands of

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British troops were being assembled in Jamaica for a direct assault along the Gulf coast. The information, and further intelligence that New Orleans was the British destination, set Jackson into motion. He moved his troops rapidly from Pensacola to Mobile and finally to New Orleans for his famous encounter with the British in December 1814 and January 1815."

Major Blue of the 39th Infantry Regiment from Tennessee was left behind in a rear guard action with a mixed force of about 1000 men. I was very surprised to read that among his forces was a young Tennessee scout by the name of David Crockett. Even more surprising was the fact that he was fighting the Creeks on the "Scamby River," as he referred to the Escambia, near Chumuckla Springs. Again quoting Dr. Rucker: "The primary purpose of the expedition was to scout the countryside east of the Escambia river and destroy the remaining hostile Creeks..... While Jackson was on his way to New Orleans, this 'search and destroy' mission was left behind, in Crockett's words, to 'kill up the Indians on the Scamby river.'"

Dr. Rucker's account paints a picture of Major Blue having much bigger problems with the cold wet weather and hunger than he did with the hostile Indians. Even though he was disappointed in not being able to find the main body of the Creeks and Jackson had to reinvade West Florida four years later, his role was very important.

The following is my partial summary of another article written by Dr. Rucker called "**Hutto the Highwayman**." It can be found in its entirety in Pensacola History Illustrated Vol. 4 - Spring of 1995:

On July 14, 1827 three miles east of the Yellow Water post office in the community of Almirante, in what is now Okaloosa County, Thomas G. Jones was carrying the mail from Tallahassee to Pensacola. He was stopped by two men who attempted to rob him of his mailbag. In the process one shot at him and missed and the other stabbed at him leaving no serious wounds. He managed to escape with his mailbag. The bearded knife wielding man was Martin Hutto aka Hutto the Highwayman.

The story is all about the attempts to bring Hutto to justice and of several escapes. It is all very interesting, but the part I want to bring to your attention is an affidavit Hutto made on November 5, 1828 accusing William Ward and Jacob Pittman of attacking Thomas Jones. "In his affidavit Hutto declared that on the evening previous to the robbery he had been at Jacob Pittman's house in the company of William Ward. Hutto said he heard Pittman and Ward talking about the mail and the time it would reach a certain place. William Ward, according to Hutto, then left Pittman's that evening and 'went home which was in the direction where the mail would pass.'" A warrant was issued by the court against Jacob Pittman and William Ward, but Hutto was found guilty on the same day.

On January 3, 1829 Jeremiah Savelle appeared before David Gartman, a Walton Co. Justice of the Peace. Jeremiah was the postmaster at Almirante and a respectable member of the community. In a sworn statement, Savelle stated that Elijah Ward came to his house on the morning of the robbery attempt. This was before the departure of the mail

and he remained 1 1/2 - 2 hours. After the mail left, Ward took a different course from that of the mail. Quoting Dr. Rucker: "How this Elijah Ward was related to William Ward and how he was tied to the robbery attempt through this testimony can only be a matter of conjecture."

In his footnotes Dr. Rucker also states that Elijah Ward appeared to have been a respectable citizen. And so that you do not have to start calculating, the William Ward who was the son of Elijah was born in 1816 and would have only been about 12.

This William Ward really has my curiosity aroused. I feel like he must be related to Elijah, but I have not found a William Ward, in this time period in West Florida, in my research. Dr. Rucker also sent me a record of the death of a son of a William Ward named John Thomas WARD, an 8 year old who died 25 Mar 1825. This came from Dr. Rucker's book mentioned in the last newsletter; an obit found in the Pensacola Gazette dated 2 Apr 1825, p.3.

Ralph Odell Ward sent me a lot of information on the WARDs of Dale & Henry Co., AL. One lineage was that of William (Bill) J. WARD, son of John G. WARD, and his descendants have a reunion each year which Odell has attended. According to Odell, "We have not been able to document any relationship to this William J. WARD, though I would be proud to claim kinship to him, since he has so many fine, hard working descendants that we know. Many of them live at or near DeFuniak Springs, Fla. & Daniel who is a researcher that lives in Booneville, MS." William J. WARD was hung for the murder of Jacob J. PALMER at Ozark, AL in 1886 and that story will have to wait for another newsletter.

John G. WARD was b. 23 Nov 1808; d. 15 May 1901 & bur. Old Center Methodist Church Henry Co., AL. His wife's name was Elender and other children were Mary who m. Jasper HUNT, Lucy who m. "Cap" DAUGHTRY, & Will J. who m. Emma.

William (Bill) J. WARD m. three times: 1st wife unknown, children John & Frank; 2nd wife Frances (Fanny) MILLER, children Mack Carlos, Will, Barton, Lizzie, & Emma; 3rd wife Heritta HOWELL, children Jim, Cleve, Babe, & Minnie or Mollie. (All of these children may not be under the right spouse as I had a difficult time deciphering the original notes)

An original record by William E. MATTHEWS titled "Some of the Old Settlers and the Names of Their Sons Who Lived Near the Junction of the East and West Choctawhatchee Rivers Dale County Alabama Prior to 1850" was indexed by Eustus Howard Hayes in 1956. Odell sent me a copy and here are the WARDs:

Irvin	S.C.-1840-Andrew, Thomas, Jackson, & John.
James	S.C.-1831-John & James.
Johnathan	Darlington District S.C.-1832-Jackson, Thomas, & Wiley.
John G.	Darlington District, S.C.-1832-Robert E., William J., & Jasper.
John S.	Darlington District S.C.-1832-David, a Justice of the Peace, George, Wm, & Kennith.

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An excerpt from a history of John & Patsey WARD written in 1934 probably by James Skillman WARD, furnished by Bessie Miller of Dothan, AL, now deceased, and also from Odell: "John Ward and his wife, Patsey, lived in Darlington County, South Carolina. They had the following children: George, Jonathan, Mary, Mandy, James C. ("Cash Jim"), Thiel. I can find no information concerning any of these except Jonathan, James C., and Thiel. These three came to Alabama, probably before or about 1830, and settled; James C. and Jonathan near Skipperville in Dale County; Thiel, just over the line in Henry County. It is supposed that the others remained in South Carolina. James C. was born 1794 and died after 1856; Thiel was born 1796 and died 1865."

James C., a big plantation owner, married Delphy BAREFIELD. They had the following children: John T., Delphy, Sarah, Mandy, & Carmela. Jonathan's wife is not known. Children: George, Christine, Sally, Kenneth, & James. Thiel m. 1st to Martha VICKERS. Children: David, Tom, Nancy, Mary, & Elizabeth. He m. 2nd Mary SIMMONS, a widow.

I will not go any deeper than this except to say that David WARD m. Charity NICHOLS who was the daughter of John NICHOLS & Elizabeth TILLER who came from SC and settled near Abbeville, AL. They had three sons before David died during the Civil War in TN: James Jackson, Robert David, & Jefferson Price. John NICHOLS was a probable brother of Samuel & Austin NICHOLS. His children: Mason, John Middleton, Isaac, Jeff, Sallie, Elizabeth, Charity, & Sabra.

About four years ago Patricia Edwards, who researches many of the families of southern MS, sent me a copy of the following query from Family Puzzlers, #985, dated 4 Sep 1986:

KNIGHT - Mr. James B. Corbett, 4906 Village Creek Dr., Atlanta, GA 30338 would like any information on Jackson KNIGHT and his Indian wife. They were m. in NC; Jackson was a blacksmith living near Columbus, GA, ca. late 1700-1800. Their dau. Nancy KNIGHT was b. ca. 1775 in NC and m. John WARD Jr. of SC.

Family Puzzlers editor's note: "If Jackson lived in the Columbus area before about 1820, then he was in the Creek Indian nation. Georgia did not obtain control of the Creek's land until 1825. Yet had Jackson m. NC then we would assume that his wife was a member of the Cherokee tribe rather than the Creek. Perhaps you need to examine more closely the source of this apparent conflicting information. Was Jackson a 'licensed Indian trader' from one of the southern colonies?"

I wrote to Mr. Corbett as soon as I received this in hopes of getting a different perspective on the lore. I did not receive an answer and this became another one of my many loose ends. Last year I tried again with the same results.

Mary Rouse of Lucedale, MS searched through her files on the WARD family in hopes of finding something to contribute to the newsletter. Mary, unaware of my attempts to contact Mr. Corbett, sent me copies of correspondence between herself and Mr. Corbett. Also included was a copy of a letter from Wyley WARD to Mr. Corbett and a number

of photographs. He is a descendant of James WARD of Covington Co., AL who I mentioned in the 3rd newsletter. James married Eveline HOGG and in the 1850 census of Covington Co., AL there was a Nancy WARD age 75 & b. NC living with him; his apparent mother. I had found this family early in my research and wondered if this may be the elusive Nancy KNIGHT.

Mr. Corbett was in search of the "threads of truth" in the lore of his family too. He had copies of the same photos of Nancy Knight WARD & Nancy Ward CHILDRESS as we have seen in circulation, but he makes no attempt to connect his WARDs to the WARDs of Bon Secour and Jackson Co., MS. He also has the WARD rail splitting story that appears in the BASS book. He said that he believes he recalls his grandmother telling him that story without the names. He has a letter from his Uncle Arthur dated 1972 telling that story with names and places. But he is unsure whether Uncle Arthur got the story from the undated BASS story or not. He adds two sisters and an aunt never heard the story while another aunt says it is fact.

From his Uncle Arthur's papers: "This [Nancy WARD] was my mother's great grandmother and the mother of James Ward, head of the above household [1850 census]. (My mother was Mary Josephine Davis, dau. of above Rebecca Ward and her husband, James Wadsworth Davis). My mother told me that her Great Grandmother Nancy Ward was 1/2 Indian. Her Great-Great-Grandmother was a full blooded Indian who dressed in Indian garb and when delivering children, simply went to the woods, bore them, cut the umbilicus with a reed and returned home. Mother also told me that either the above 1/2 blood Indian, Nancy Ward, was never married, or it might have been that her full blooded great-great-grandmother was never married." He also adds in a lineage summary that "Nancy Ward, above, 1/2 Indian, whose husband I understand was a John Ward. She was a dau. of full blooded Indian, reportedly a Princess."

James points out the family resemblance in the photos of Nancy Ward KNIGHT and his grandmother Mary Josephine Davis WILSON. I have to agree, but this is very subjective. I think the most significant observation is that there was apparently some Indian lore connected to this Nancy WARD that is not in circulation in our lineages. It appears their lore may have been embellished by that lore that we are more familiar with.

In a letter from George Marchelos he had the following to add to the Bon Secour land conflict: "I went to Bay Minette, AL, some years ago and the original Ward plat is still there. That area is now Weeks Bay. Stanley Weeks still lives there on the property. The last court case over the property was around 1846 according to court records. I investigated the possibility of claiming the property on the grounds that the Weeks brothers were squatters, but I found out from my attorney that the statute of limitations was 50 years, or 1896."

Re the Revolutionary War letters cited in the last newsletter George says "I have copies from the archives in Seville, Spain, which has the originals..... I have copies of the four land grants issued to the S.C. Ward brothers in November 1767 in Pensacola..... They are very large. They are full

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sized copies of the retained official copies at the PRO in London."

In newsletter #5 I gave you some War of 1812 widows who had applied for pensions. In "Index to the War of 1812 Pensioners Files" by White, I found the following: Nancy WARD was the widow of Samuel P. WARD, Nancy LASSITER was the widow of John LASSITER, and Nancy MAJORS was the widow of Edward MAJORS. BTW, there is a Samuel WARD in the 1850 AL census index for Dale Co.

A very pleasant surprise from Bob Doherty in the form of an Civil War Amnesty petition. It was from Elijah WARD to Brig. Gen. A. Asboth, Commanding District West Florida at Milton and dated 31 Jul 1865. In a handwritten part of the form statement Elijah states: "I am 81 years of age, my house is in Walton County, Fla. I have taken no part whatever in the existing Rebellion." The oath was signed with his "X" and his amnesty was granted by Gen. Asboth through the Provost Marshal's Office. Source of microfilm records: "Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Individual Citizens." (M345, Roll #279)

Elijah WARD's date of birth from the censuses was 74 in 1850 & 68 in 1860; age from two papers from his bounty land applications were consistent, 72 in 1851 & 76 in 1855. I have seen other dates offered with no documentation, but this gives us a range of 1776-1792. This is still not even close to the 1810 date of birth of John WARD & Nancy KNIGHT's son Elijah as offered by Johnnie Andrews in "Creole Mobile." I might also point out that dates of birth for two other children named by Mr. Andrews, Nancy & Tarleton, were very close. I am still of the opinion that there were two Elijah WARDs.

Elijah WARD's date of death has never been determined and this is the only record of him, that I am aware of, after 1860. Margie Gatti has told me, however, that her grandmother Orelia NELSON, who was b. 1861, related the story of seeing her Grandfather Elijah when she was a little girl. The occasion was when the NELSONS moved to Bon Secour, AL and Elijah escorted them as far as the Styx River riding a big white horse. Orelia was the daughter of George Washington NELSON & Harriett Elizabeth WARD.

"**You might be eligible for the Sons and Daughters of the Province and Republic of West Florida**" an article from The Family Tree, a GA periodical and sent to me by Marie Nations. The objectives & purpose:

1. To perpetuate the memory of the character, deeds, & heroism of the inhabitants of the the Province & Republic of W. FL prior to 7 Dec 1810.
2. Collect & preserve records, documents, & history for this period.
3. Bring the descendants into association.
4. To inculcate patriotism & enjoy all the associated activities.

Membership is open to anyone 18 or older who can prove lineal descent from an ancestor residing between 1763 & 7 Dec 1810 on land that was part of the Province of W. FL; south of the 31st parallel, east of the MS River, north of the Gulf of Mexico, Lake Ponchartrain, Lake Borgne, & Lake

Maurepas, and west of the Appalachicola River. Initiation \$15 & annual dues \$10. For more info & applications write: Barbara Comeaux Strickland, 12727 N. Amiss Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810-5042. I feel sure the descendants of John WARD of Bon Secour & Jackson Co., MS are eligible.

An item I found on the Internet that may be of interest to some of you. PBS television is presently filming a new series called "Ancestors" that will be aired next year. From an overview: "It will be hosted by Jim & Terry Willard who will introduce different experts in the fields of genealogy. An award winning graphics team will provide stunning graphics for the ten part series which will bring genealogy and family history out of the library and into the light."

Please join me in extending our prayers & deepest sympathy to Deborah Biesbrock and her family. From the obituary, her father, Clyde Bruce Cameron of Milton, died 13 Oct 1995 after kidney failure and was buried in the Juniper Cemetery near Chumuckla. He was 69 and a retired Navy veteran of WW II & the Korean War. After his retirement, he worked at the Ingalls Ship Yard in Mobile. He later enjoyed training and racing thoroughbred horses. He is survived by his wife Lucille, another daughter Diana Simpson, a son David B., 3 grandchildren, 2 brothers, & 3 sisters.

If anyone would like to list in the newsletter the allied families they are researching in the "deep south," please let me hear from you. Include time frames and locations. On more than one occasion I have corresponded with another researcher re a certain family and later found out that we had another common lineage.

By the way, my Internet surname posting paid off again. I have just recently been contacted by Brenda Maxey-Billings of Orange Park, FL. We are only in the introductory part of our exchange, but she is a descendant of Elijah WARD of Walton Co., FL down through William Marion, William Peter, and Farriew (also spelled Farrier).

I try very hard to give proper credit to all of my sources so if I overlook you it is very unintentional. For the most part, I remain only a compiler.

Change of address: Frances Elliott, P. O. Box 3486, Milton, FL 32572-3486.

Special thanks: to George Marchelos, Dolores Miller, Marie Nations, & Odell Ward for their support of the newsletter. And as always I want to extend my appreciation to everyone who has been a part of this issue especially to Dr. Rucker who has given us a real insight into the lives of some of our ancestors. For those of you who are not researching please do not feel like you are not part of this effort because our primary goal is to preserve our heritage and you are certainly a part of that.

Coming Next: In Escambia Co., FL Superior Court Starkes Baker vs Beeler, ca 1822 and Elijah Ward vs Compton et al, ca 1824.

***Wishing everyone a very merry
Christmas and happiness in 1996!***

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Since there have been a number of new people added to the mailing list in recent months, and for the benefit of those who are having a difficult time sorting out all of the families, I thought I would start the new year, and the beginning of the newsletter's third year, by reviewing the main families being covered in the newsletter.

In the BAKER family it has been a little more straight forward than in the WARD family. Most of our coverage has been with the family of Starkes BAKER who settled W. FL in 1819 and Walton Co., FL before 1824.

Other BAKER families did not appear in Walton Co., FL until after 1850. The Rev. Robert Quartermen BAKER shows up after the Civil War and does not appear to be related to Starkes; he descends from a SC lineage.

The WARD families that have been discussed evolve primarily from research of the WARDs of Walton Co., FL; Elijah, David, & four sons of James B. WARD of Dale Co., AL who settled there after the Civil War. There have been attempts to connect all three of these families together. There is also a belief by a number of researchers that one or more of these families tie into the family of John WARD & Elizabeth KNIGHT who settled at Bon Secour, what is now Baldwin Co., AL ca 1793 and moved to Jackson Co., MS ca 1808. And this John WARD has been named by some researchers as the same "John WARD Jr." of the prominent Charleston, SC WARDs and thus the reason so much research has overlapped into that area.

In trying to sort out the above WARDs several other lineages have been covered because of their proximity to NW FL and because the efforts of other researchers has crossed over. I think progress, albeit slow, has been made. And even though we as researchers are still not in complete agreement, I hope we all have a better understanding now. I would like to restate once again that this newsletter is intended to be a forum for everyone and I will be delighted to print all relevant material. Let me hear from you if your opinions are different to those found in this newsletter, you have new information you would like to share, or if you have WARDs or BAKERs in the Deep South that remain unconnected.

The Bakers

After I found Starkes BAKER's Bounty Land record, and before finding his service record, I began researching military records and adjusted my search as more facts surfaced. I began by looking for additional men who were discharged while also serving under Capt. James M. GLASSELL, other BAKERs & STARK(ES) who served in the 24th Regiment, other BAKERs in the Arkansas bounty land records, men who also used the attorney Robert Carr LANE of Mobile, and men serving who were "neighbors" to

Starkes in the 1820 Conecuh Co., AL census. After learning that Starkes served under Capt. GLASSELL only at the end of his enlistment and that he was at times part of other regiments, my search took on a much broader scope. I then began looking for men who were enlisted by Lt. John S. WILLIAMSON and who seemed to have served in the same units.

I have found nothing to date in the above searched records that would seem to be a confirmed link to Starkes BAKER. I did find a Pvt. George V. BAKER, a tailor b. in MD, who also served in the 24th, a Sgt. Maj. Lewis STARKS who used Robert C. LANE and m. in Baldwin Co., AL in 1825, and Pvt. John NELSON a possible "neighbor" to Starks in the 1820 census of Conecuh Co., AL who was discharged at Ft. Crawford in 1819. Another interesting name from TN who enlisted in the 24th and served in many of the same units as Starkes was a Pvt. Andrew CLARY; he was discharged at Pensacola 31 Dec 1818.

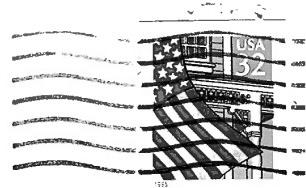
There were four dates given for Starkes BAKER's date of enlistment. I cannot explain the reason for this, but after researching the service records of other key men in the 24th Regiment I now believe that one of the September dates is probably the correct date. I believe this despite the discharge paper of Starkes BAKER which appears to confirm the January 8 date. The Jan 8 date may have even been derived from the discharge records. If my theory is true then Starkes was discharged early due to confusion as to his real enlistment date.

Two of the key men I researched were Lt. John S. Williamson and Capt. Benjamin B. Jones. Capt. Jones did not transfer to the 24th until 30 June 1814 at which time, according to the records, he was heavily involved with recruitment. Lt. Williamson was at Detroit in Oct 1813 and was apparently captured on the northern front in the early part of 1814. I am not sure of the exact time & place, but he was a POW at Quebec and exchanged at Chazy, NY 11 May 1814. He was returned to his regiment and he shows up on Recruiting Returns at Nashville, TN from Jul 1814 to Jan 1815. Checking for enlistment records of other men enlisted by Lt. Williamson confirms that his recruiting did not appear to begin until after July (18 other men found to date, "A" - "H", and this represents about a 30% sample of the records) and that while most have a blank place of enlistment, those that did not indicated Nashville or Davidson Co.

To confirm that the enlistment efforts of the officers of the 24th were territorial in nature I looked at the records of men enlisted by Lt. Elijah HAYNIE (recorded as HAYES in most records); so far I have found 16. Those that were not blank indicated Wilson Co., a neighbor to Davidson Co. So we have two adjoining counties that appear to have been recruited almost exclusively by different men.

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"No man would immigrate into Florida--no, not from Hell itself"- Honorable John Randolph of Roanoke in the U. S. House of Representatives. He further stated that the newly annexed Territory was - "a land of swamps, of quagmires, of frogs and alligators and mosquitoes."

best part however, was that he had in his possession not one, but two of these originals; the second one he gave to me. I know many of you can relate to this experience and can share the feeling of appreciation I have for this gift. By the way, neither Jim nor I can offer an explanation as to the reason there were two originals.

There have been enough people who have expressed an interest in a reprint of my book that I am now weighing those options. I promised I would reprint and while it is now justified, I am in somewhat of a dilemma. I would prefer to update the manuscript, but I now have entirely too much new information to be incorporated into the addendum. A complete revision will take time especially considering my present commitment to the newsletter. It also may be somewhat premature considering how well we have done since the first book was published. At that time the newsletter was not even in my plans.

So keeping in mind that my long term plan is to completely revise the manuscript, I need to know whether all of those who have indicated that they would like a book(s) would still want me to reprint now with only very minor changes. Of course, I also need to hear from any one else that wants a book and has not indicated that to me. (Just a short note indicating quantity will suffice) I solicited a quote from my publisher, and based on a minimum order the price of the book would be \$23.00, postage paid. This, as before, reflects only my direct costs of publishing & shipping. I will make a final decision by 8/15 and include a notice in my next newsletter. This date should allow enough time for me to receive the books from the publisher and ship them before the Christmas rush.

The Bakers

The paper trail - As genealogists we learn quickly to appreciate the paper trail our ancestors left behind no matter how small it may be or how difficult to follow. We spend many hours looking at microfilm/microfiche and Xerox copies of documents and are generally very satisfied just to have any type of record at all. But, on those rare occasions that we are able to hold an original document it is a very special experience. I was able to visit with Jim Thompson during a recent trip that he made to the Dallas - Ft. Worth area. He brought with him an original Civil War amnesty document for Starkes BAKER. The ironic, and the

These four page documents had been in the possession of Starks' grandson Starkes William BAKER, son of George Washington BAKER, who wrote in pencil the following: "Oath of Allegiance taken by Starkes Baker in 1865 by my Grandfather Starkes Baker [signed] Starkes W. Baker 9-23-1945." Starkes W. was the grandfather of Jim's wife Carol May O'CONNOR. This document, #638, was in what I would consider very good condition. It was signed with his mark 18 July 1865 at Milton, FL and stated he was from Walton Co., FL. It also bore the signatures of the Provost Marshal D. W. Rowley and Gen. Asboth, General Commanding the District of West Florida.

The following account is from Jim Thompson:

BAKER'S MILL IN THE EARLY 20th CENTURY

"Emaline Baker O'Connor [Carol May's mother] gave this description of life at Baker's Mill late in her life. Baker's Mill was built on Wolf creek in Tyler county Texas, near Colmesneil. The mill pond was made by building a wooden dam across the creek. There was a rowboat that could be used to take rides on the pond and probably was used for practical purposes also. The pond contained fish that were fed (corn bread and probably table scraps) by the Baker family and that were eaten by the Baker family.

In the early 1900s, the mill had several capabilities. There was a grist mill to grind corn to cornmeal, a blacksmith shop, a sawmill with capability to plane lumber, a sugar cane press with a boiler to make syrup and possibly a cotton gin.

People from the surrounding countryside would bring their corn on Saturday to be ground to cornmeal. They usually would come on horseback.

The blacksmith shop was used to make and repair iron items. There was small coal pile to provide fuel for the blacksmith's fire. George Washington Baker was the blacksmith.

The sawmill and planing mill were used to convert logs to lumber. Logs could be sawed into lumber and then planed so that the lumber had smooth surfaces. There was a short railroad track and a flat car to move the lumber from the planing mill to the lumber storage area. S. W.

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"What parents leave in their children is more important than what they leave to them." Source unknown.

A number of contacts have encouraged me to go to a subscription format with the newsletter. I prefer to keep it on an informal basis because I am not sure that I would enjoy publishing the newsletter as much if it becomes an obligation. But, it is growing rather fast now and the scope is expanding from the circle of family and researchers that were on that original mailing list. I am not sure how much longer it can remain free, but it will remain so as long as I continue to get a little help. To all of you who support and encourage me in this effortThank you. N.B. When the time comes that it is necessary to change, all of you who have helped will be given special consideration.

I received two reports of the last newsletter being shredded in the mail. These are the first reports I have received and I hope it was only due to the holiday traffic. From time to time I have a newsletter returned and they seem to make the round trip very well. If you have also received badly damaged newsletters please advise me so that I can make changes if necessary.

I am running very pleasantly behind in trying to include all the incoming information in the newsletter as I receive it. I also do a lot of shuffling in an attempt to follow any "thread" that may develop. All of the material you send is important and I do appreciate your support.

The Bakers

".....and George a famous man." - words from "The Battle Hymn of the Bakers," lyrics found in the lineage of Starkes BAKER. With this in mind I have been looking for a "famous" George BAKER in hopes these lyrics had some merit to them and would be a link to Starkes' ancestors. Simmons Jones BAKER was a physician and a legislator. He was the son of Laurence & Ann Jones BAKER born in Hertford Co., NC in 1775. He married first Polly SMITH in 1795 and settled in Halifax Co., NC on the Greenwood Plantation. Polly died in 1812 and in 1814 Simmons married Ann HUNTER. He came to Jackson Co., FL in the late 1830s where he lived intermittently on his plantation Buckman Place, but returned to NC leaving sons Simmons Jr. and James L. G. behind.

From "Dictionary of NC Biography" by William Powell:
"When Baker [Simmons Sr.] returned to England in 1793, he

carried with him an old armorial seal that had passed down in the family and took it to Herald's College in London to find out if any Baker still lived in England with the same coat of arms. He found that Sir George Baker, then physician to King George III, was the only such person. He made a second such trip to Europe shortly after his marriage to consult this Dr. Baker about a personal illness. The trip was successful, and in gratitude he included the name of 'George' in the name of his firstborn son." [James Laurance George BAKER]

Does Sir George qualify as a famous man? If he does and if Starkes BAKER is indeed related to this Simmons BAKER it would be distantly. That both ended up in the FL Panhandle must be coincidence, but as I have stated in earlier newsletters, the few clues we have lead me to this part of NC.

Murdock BAKER, son of Starkes BAKER, was cited in the last newsletter as having served in the Civil War for both sides. He was last found in the 1880 census of Montgomery Co., AL. From some recently microfilmed Alabama records, his widow, Mrs. C. C. BAKER [Catherine FOWLER], filed for and received a CSA widow's pension in 1902. It was filed from Pike Co., AL and included affidavits from John B. CLARY, his brother-in-law, and Allen CAMPBELL of Walton Co., FL. A date of death for Murdock was included in the information, but it was unreadable; maybe 1888. Apparently he never filed for a pension himself.

I heard from Randall Carpenter via the Internet who stated his many-great grandmother was Isabella BAKER, daughter of "Red" John BAKER & Christian DANIEL who married in Grand Ridge, Florida in 1831 to William CARPENTER. She had at least one brother and four sisters, but he had only possible names for them. At first I thought the "Red" may refer to Indian blood, but Randall stated that he was called that due to his red hair. John, age 68 b. NC, & Christian, age 60 b. Scotland, are found in the 1850 census of Jackson Co., FL; Wm & Isabella CARPENTER are also found in that same census.

I think the one unidentified brother of Isabella may have been the Daniel BAKER found in Jackson Co., FL in 1860 who has been discussed in previous newsletters. I pointed out that Daniel may have been given his mother's surname, but Randall said that it did not adhere to Scottish naming practices. I am thinking that by this time the rules may have softened somewhat.

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I heard from Janet Secret of High Springs, FL via the Internet who stated she was looking for Charles W. BAKER's father. Charles was born 22 Jun 1849 & d. 28 Jan 1915. His wife's name was Mollie C. One of his sons was J. W. BAKER b. 28 Nov 1880 in AL, who was called Bob, was a Reverend who preached at Blue Lake Baptist church outside of Chipley; he married a Sarah TAYLOR. J. W.'s marriage certificate it says his father was "George" Whitfield BAKER and that he was b. in Lancaster, AL. Janet stated: "When we tracked down the family plot at Sandy Creek Baptist Church, the one gravestone had Charles W. Baker and the dates matched what I had for George.... there is no Lancaster in AL and on the 1920 Holmes Co. census, it has his father was born in NC."

The Wards

From Bill Ward of Pottsboro, TX:

"Just wanted to touch base with you on the WARD/BAKER info you sent. I studied it thoroughly, but can't find a definite connection with my line, but the coincidental information is toooooo close to ignore; we may find a connection in the future. A quick summary of my line is:

William WARD was b. 1809 in NC. Moved to AL ca 1835, m. Elizabeth ?NOLAN? and had 6 children. About 1842 he moved to Lafayette/Yalobusha Co., MS where he and Elizabeth had 2 more children. Elizabeth d. and about 1867, William m. the widow Elizabeth Jane BAKER GOLDEN, nee HICKEY. She was twice widowed. Elizabeth HICKEY & William WARD were the parents of my grandfather, Reuben Lee WARD, b. 1867 in Water Valley, MS. Allied families: PASS, HAIRE, HARRIS, CROFFORD, HENDRICKS, DAVENPORT, LOVELADY."

As it turned out, I was a little familiar with Bill's WARDs. In the 1860 census on Hardin Co., TX there was a William WARD living close to Moses WARD, son of John. He had children b. MS so in looking for this William in MS in 1850 I found Bill's William. It stuck with me because Bill's William also had a son named Moses. I never found the one I started out looking for.

Jesse McCullar is looking for info on the family of T. J. WARD b. in AL in early 1800s. His daughter Elizabeth who m. Efraim SANDERS was his grandmother. She was b. 9/1/1845 in MS & d. 1/17/1917 in Ada, OK. After her m. they went in TX where their children were born: Thomas F. b. 1875, Thedocia, & Augested b. 1889. They moved to Indian Territory prior to 1900.

I recently wrote to Wyley Ward for the first time since my book was published. Wyley is retired now and living in his native county of Covington, AL where he is remodeling an old home in Andalusia. Wyley has been very busy tying up loose ends in his lineage and the results are very impressive. Wyley, a descendant of both Moses WARD & Thomas WARD, has written pamphlets on these two Rev. War veterans. He sent copies to me and for anyone researching the WARDs of Conecuh & Covington Cos., AL

they are a must. They can be obtained from Ward & Co., 29 South Court Square, Andalusia, AL 35420; the price is \$5 + \$1.50 mailing cost each. Hard cover books Wiley has published: The Folks from Pea Ridge, \$20 + \$3, The Early History of Covington Co., AL, \$25 + \$3, & Original Land Sales and Grants in Covington Co., AL, \$35 + \$3.

In his pamphlet on Thomas WARD, Wyley identifies the WARDs I mentioned in the 6th newsletter that were hung in 1859 for the murder of Allen PAGE in Conecuh Co., AL; Irwin & Stephen. They were sons of William & Margaret WARD & grandsons of Thomas WARD & Ann GOODSON. Thomas WARD came from Darlington Co., SC and settled in Conecuh Co. ca 1820; he was a brother of Theophilus, Gene Welch's ancestor.

Gene recently called me in an attempt to catch up with Wyley. During that conversation he mentioned an upcoming meeting of key researchers in his WARD lineage and I asked him to give me a report. The meeting was organized by Nancy Prosser of Florence, SC and held at Brian's home in Columbia, SC. Also attending was John Flowers of GA, Sue Wyse of Chattanooga, TN, & Dr. Eleanor Duke of El Paso, TX. Rett Floyd of Turbeville, SC was not able to attend. Gene said: "Our meeting was most delightful and it is always a lot of fun to meet cousins face to face who share the same interest."

I like the idea of a summit conference and think it would also be beneficial to researchers of the WARDs and/or BAKERs of W. FL & S. AL. We would need someone to coordinate this event; any volunteers? I will give it my full support, but I am too far away to coordinate. If this materializes I will include an announcement in the June 1997 newsletter.

You have seen it written often in the newsletters about the emphasis I place on sharing the "tidbits" of information we all have. Well, this is a tidbit success story. Also mentioned in Wyley's pamphlet was Nancy WARD, daughter of Thomas, who married Thomas PIGGOT. This sent me scurrying through some of my old notes as the PIGGOT/WARD connection sounded very familiar. I found it in a Prodigy note dated 1992 from Janice Rediker who had a Katie WARD who m. Thomas PIGGOTT and settled in Conecuh Co., AL; she did not have the WARD connection solved. While the given names Nancy & Katie did not match up, the name Nancy Catherine was found among Nancy PIGGOTT's granddaughters. I did not have a snail-mail address for her so I tried to e-mail her at her old Prodigy address; she had left in the exodus too.

A few weeks later I posted a general WARD query on the Internet. As luck would have it one of the responses I received was from Janice. She still did not have the WARD connection solved and was very excited with the information I had for her.

From Jim Ward of Cantonment on the subject of David WARD's children:

"I don't remember if I mentioned to you or not that I have a copy of the deed showing the Wards selling their property in Walton Co., FL dated 26 Oct 1878. Sellers were listed as:

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Ruthy WARD; Zacharia WARD, and his wife, Sarah WARD; Melita INFINGER; Rubin HOPKINS and wife, Harriet (Ward) HOPKINS; all these of Santa Rosa Co., FL; Jackson WARD, and his wife Brazilia (Brown) WARD; David WARD, and his wife, Mary; these of Walton Co., FL. Property, now located on Eglin AFB property, was sold to Pharis Permenter of Walton Co. for \$150.00 (200 acres). Wit. by: C. H. Lowe & P. Permenter."

The following information is from the Bureau of Land Management via Deborah Biesbroek re the location of the land of David Ward, resident of Walton Co., FL:

16 Jun 1856 - NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sect. 17, TP1 N of R 19W - 120 acres.

1 Jun 1859 - SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sect. 8, TP1 N of R 19W.

Beulah McCain is looking for information on a Simon WARD b abt 1810 supposedly in AL. Possibly married Mary KING who might have been an immigrant from Germany or the Netherlands. They had a daughter Mary Zemlar, who married John M. BUGG in Columbia Co., GA.

Simon Ward b: Abt 1810 in AL or SC
Mary King b: Abt 1811 in ?SCor GA?

John Ward b: Abt 1833 in AL

Mary Zemlar Ward b: July 14, 1834 in SC

Henry Ward b: Abt 1841 in GA

Frances Ward b: Abt 1843 in GA

Zachanah T. Ward b: Abt 1845 in GA

Andrew I. M. Ward b: Abt 1847 in GA

William H. C. Ward b: Abt 1849 in GA

A couple of newsletters ago I included the name and address of Terry Brackney, but I did not include all of the information I had on his family. His Great grandfather was William Henry WARD b. 29 Nov 1879 in Elba, Coffee Co., AL; he d. 4 Jan 1947 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery. William's mother was an Emma WARD who d. 25 Nov 1919 and is also buried in Evergreen Cemetery. She apparently never married and Terry is looking for her parents. Emma had one other son named Johnnie WARD.

Billy Ray Ward of Molino related to me that the obituary of Thomas Jackson WARD found in newsletter #6 was that of his father and that he had written it for the newspaper himself. He would now like to correct that record:

"The first mistake I made in writing it was his place of birth. He wasn't born in Bogia (two miles S. of McDavid). I found out in May and June of this year (1996) that he was born in "Brickyard" (between Molino and Barth) Escambia Co., FL. Of course there is no longer any sign of a settlement there. It has been planted in pines. Secondly, Dyann RIGBY Brake and Gwendolyn RIGBY Cook were his step-daughters. I intentionally listed them as his daughters. That seemed appropriate at the time, but just in case someone is using that as source of data I felt it should be pointed out. It is obvious that Joe (Joseph M. RIGBY Jr.) and Eugene Rigby (Eugene C. RIGBY) were stepsons. He thought of them all as his since their father died when

they were small. Mary Louise (Mary Louise CHAFIN Rigby) was his second wife. His first wife, Clara Luticia BRUNSON, my mother, died 29 Oct 1955.

Additionally, his father was Daniel Thomas WARD although his headstone at Ray's Chapel Cemetery says Daniel Jackson Ward; that was someone else's error. Daniel Thomas' father was Jackson WARD the son of David WARD of Walton Co., FL."

The Civil War in the Deep South

I had a lot of people who responded to the last newsletter tell me how enlightened they now were on Unionism. Mary Ellen Wexler told me that it would explain a lot of problems in her EDGE family. The following quotes from Jim Ward of Cantonment, FL sums it up best:

"Here's a little Campbell trivia for you. On page 2 you mentioned that you couldn't identify Malcolm and William A. Campbell who served with the 1st Florida (US) Cavalry. The William Alexander is my ggg-grandfather, and Malcolm is his brother. They were sons of John Campbell (m. Flora McCaskill, dau. of Malcolm McCaskill). John was one of the sons of Daniel Campbell and Effie McLean..... One other interesting thing. I had heard from other family members (Campbells) that William Alexander served in the Cavalry during the Civil War. However, when I searched, I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED that he might not have been on the Confederate side (sound familiar?), so I never found anything! Thanks for bringing me up to date on this."

A comment in a letter from Dr. Brian Rucker:

"I'm very flattered that you're running my "West Florida's Unionists" paper, and it looks great. The place you cut it off was very appropriate. I'm also very pleased to hear that it's generating interest among your readers, and more importantly, providing them with new information about their ancestors. It's one thing to read this paper before a meeting hall of academic historians, but I find it perhaps even more rewarding for the information to be utilized by people seeking their own family heritage. That's what history is all about. Too many times academic types ignore the fact that history begins with individuals, families, and communities."

I would like to add to that by saying too many times genealogists get caught up with names and dates and overlook their historical connections. They were all at a certain place and time for a reason.

In another letter from Brian:

"I just received a letter from Mark C. Curenton, who provided me with evidence which corrects something I wrote in my "Unionists of West Florida" article for you. It concerns Walton County's representatives, Alexander L. McCaskill and John Morrison, who refused to vote for the Ordinance of Secession, but they did eventually sign it. It's a small matter, but if you could clarify it in a small note, it would make me feel better. Any time I have inaccurate information, I try to correct it, if possible. I've also enclosed the sheet he sent me. The vote for secession was 62 to 7, and McCaskill and Morrison were among those seven (Williams, "Florida in the Union," p.578)."

I noticed two other familiar signatures on that document: [Simmons]. J. BAKER of Washington Co. & George T.

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WARD of Leon Co. Both have been mentioned in previous newsletters.

The Unionists of West Florida
by
Brian R. Rucker

(Continued from newsletter #011)

By the spring of 1863, over 1,000 refugees and deserters were gathered in Pensacola to be protected by the Union forces stationed there. Refugees continued to come in regularly throughout the year.³⁹ Confederate desertion increased during the winter of 1863-64 and more refugees appeared at East Pass, fleeing from Confederate cavalry and conscription officers.⁴⁰ Their stories of bitter persecution reached the attention of Brigadier General Alexander Asboth who commanded the Union forces in the District of West Florida. Asboth's reports from April 1864 reflect the terror which saturated the region:

...the rebels have become... more bitter in their persecutions of all who show any sympathy for the Union. They take from them anything of any use to the army and wantonly destroy the rest; they take the lives of all who attempt to escape from their lines or who assist others to do so.

Mr. Alfred Holly came in yesterday, reporting that while leaving Boggy Bayou (present-day Niceville) for East Pass in a skiff, with 5 others... the rebels fired upon them, killing 3 and wounding 2, who are now in our hospital.⁴¹

...all West Florida is swarming with rebel cavalry hunting refugees and deserters. In Walton County 7 citizens were hung last week for entertaining Union sentiments, and a woman, refusing to give information about her husband's whereabouts, was killed in a shocking manner, and two of the children caught and torn to pieces by bloodhounds.⁴²

Living along the shores of Choctawhatchee Bay were a number of fishermen. Many of these fishermen were originally from New England and espoused Union sympathies. These Unionist fishermen were instrumental in transporting refugees in fishing smacks, schooners, and other vessels, often by the cover of night, to the Federal gunboats anchored off East Pass. One refugee, Wade H. Richardson, made an arduous trip through the Northwest Florida wilderness from Alabama. Richardson and his companion went without food for several days, got lost, and hid from Confederate troops before finally arriving at the western head of Choctawhatchee Bay.⁴³ A Unionist fisherman finally delivered Richardson and his friend to East Pass where the glimpsed "the masts of several gunboats, all flying the stars and stripes:"

...I was barefooted, having discarded my wornout shoes..... But my wants were quickly supplied, and when, a little later, fourteen refugees made their way on board of a United States gunboat there went up a shout from those on board that I hope I shall never forget to my dying day; a shout of deliverance and joy that we had again assembled under the flag of the Union.⁴⁴

Many of the Unionist refugees who arrived at East Pass were eager to take up arms and be led against the Confederates in order to "avenge the many wrongs inflicted upon them and their families by a barbarous foe."⁴⁵ There

were also reports that Union sympathizers in West Florida were organizing themselves into armed bodies "to meet the rebel cavalry parties who infest the country."⁴⁶ A Federal recruiter was sent to East Pass to muster in these disillusioned Southerners. Union authorities hoped to induce others to join by offering a military bounty to recruits. Enrollment began in December 1863 for the First Florida Cavalry, United States Volunteers. By March 1864, approximately 300 Unionists and former Confederates taken in at East Pass had joined the First Florida Cavalry.⁴⁷ A number of West Floridians belonged to this unit, and six companies were eventually formed. Some 500 men were mustered in under the command of Unionist Southerners or commissioned officers taken from the Northern regiments stationed at Pensacola.⁴⁸

Federal authorities at first experienced difficulty in obtaining bounties and supplies, and they reported that the unit had no horses, arms, or equipment. This fact irritated General Asboth who hoped to use the First Florida Cavalry to make raids into the interior to assist more refugees still hiding in the region's forests and swamps.⁴⁹ Asboth claimed that such military offensives would "open the way for thousands of starving Union sympathizers in West Florida to return to their old flag and join the Union army."⁵⁰ General Asboth had high praise for the newly formed First Florida Cavalry, despite their lack of necessary equipment:

The Florida Cavalry, already six companies strong, have no arms and no horses. The men all entered my lines from rebeldom and enlisted in the U.S. Army with the fervent desire to revenge under the Union flag all wrongs inflicted upon them and their families by the rebels. They are all good horsemen, all good marksmen, and perfectly familiar with the country and people throughout Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. Thus their services in the field, if well mounted and armed, would prove more efficient here than of any veteran cavalry regiment. I beg, therefore... for arms and horses... and I confidently hope that the 500 Florida men when mounted will each, in less than a month, bring an additional horse from rebeldom into their camp.⁵¹

In August of 1864 the First Florida Cavalry received a few horses and some sabers. The unit subsequently participated in action in Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, Jackson County, and other areas. Their performance in combat earned them respect, and they were eventually outfitted with Burnside carbines and Remington revolvers.⁵²

Unionist refugees, including women and children, were generally sheltered at the Federal sites around Pensacola harbor. The U.S. Navy attempted to give employment to as many of the refugees as possible. Refugees helped unload coaling vessels, cleared the debris from damaged buildings in the navy yard, and worked at other odd jobs. The Federal officials provided them with common rations such as pork, beans, hardtack, sugar, and coffee.⁵³ Some local Unionists fared rather well under the circumstances. Some were apparently employed along East Bay in Santa Rosa County to make shingles for the hospital being constructed at the navy yard. Frederick A. Axelson, who owned a shipyard on East Bay, became friends with Union officials in the area. They described Axelson as bearing the "character of a good, loyal citizen." Axelson received permission to run his sloop Hope between East Bay and Warrington (adjacent to the Navy Yard) for the

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purpose of "bringing down vegetables." Axelson traded regularly with the Federal officials. In one case, he took a barrel of flour and 25 pounds of bacon to his East Bay home for his own use. He returned a few days later with a cargo of shingles. Axelson was even allowed to take his vessel to Union-held New Orleans and bring back supplies for a store in Warrington.⁵⁴

Blacks sought safety at the Federal positions in West Florida as well. Wartime conditions and the nearby Federal presence led many slaves to escape to the Union lines. During Union raids into the interior of West Florida, slaves were commonly seized as "contraband" and taken back to Pensacola.⁵⁵ Slaves came in on their own accord as well. One slave escaped to Pensacola wearing a heavy iron bar on his leg. He had been wandering through the woods and swamps in that condition for three weeks.⁵⁶ Another slave asked permission from the Union authorities to go into the interior to "collect those of his own color." He shortly returned bringing thirty runaway slaves with him, and the blacks shouted out joyfully upon entering the Union lines.⁵⁷ Slaves who escaped, often joined black regiments in the Union army.

By early 1865, it was plain to most Floridians that the Confederate nation was crumbling both within and without, reeling from military defeats and a financial-economic crisis. Large portions of the Confederacy were already under Union control, and the blockade was proving an effective weapon. Supplies were limited and the Southern armies were feeling the want of food, clothing, and other necessities. Confederate and state demands for more soldiers burdened an already warstrained population. Desertion in the Confederate States Army had reached epidemic proportions. West Floridians increasingly deserted and returned to their hard pressed families. Many joined the Union army or formed guerrilla bands. Confederate units reacted desperately and only pursued deserters and Unionists with more vengeance. The remaining inhabitants of Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties endured both the impressment and conscription raids of Confederate cavalrymen and the confiscatory raids of Federal forces from Pensacola harbor. Even those West Floridians who had fled with their slaves and belongings to southern Alabama were suffering the worsening effects of the war -- high prices, taxes, impressment, and conscription.⁵⁸

Desperate Florida families began wishing for peace at any cost, weary of the war and the destruction it had brought. Union sentiment grew as increasing numbers of Floridians deserted the dying Confederacy which had so often treated them callously. Deserters, conscription evaders, Unionists, disenchanted Confederates, and runaway slaves were the dominant elements of West Florida's population. The few remaining Confederate soldiers were hungry, ill-clothed, and depressed. Some citizens cursed their politicians and especially South Carolina for leading them into the war. The spirit of the people was broken, and they looked hopefully to the prospect of peace under a government which would rescue them from the anarchy of the last several years.⁵⁹

The remaining Confederate units in West Florida and South Alabama followed the lead of other Southerners in accepting the final defeat of the Confederacy. On April 25, 1865, Brigadier General Alexander Asboth journeyed to Milton to receive the surrender of General James Holt Clanton who had commanded Confederate cavalry forces

in South Alabama and West Florida for several years.⁶⁰

The months following the surrender of the Confederate armies were anything but peaceful in West Florida. Citizens soon began returning to their homes in West Florida, but much of the region was overrun with roaming bands of guerrilla fighters, outlaws, and other unsavory elements. A sizable amount of anarchy prevailed due to the breakdown of law and order at the local level. Ragtag bands of former Confederates, deserters, and criminals pillaged and terrorized various sections of West Florida.⁶¹

Hundreds of former Confederates soon appeared in the county seats of Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Walton to seek amnesty, take the oath of allegiance, and receive much needed rations. Federal troops were sent to the sites to safeguard the proceedings due to rumors of "lawless parties" intent on breaking up such meetings.⁶² Federal forces were hard pressed to bring order out of the economic and social chaos so prevalent in the region after the war. Violence was an especially important concern. The unfortunate victims of violence were often the Unionists who had cooperated with the Federal forces during the war. Bitter ex-Confederates sometimes attacked Unionists living in their communities. Unionists and deserters from the Confederate army were often robbed, killed, or made the objects of community scorn and disapproval.⁶³ Such incidents were not confined exclusively to West Florida. In June 1866, all the civil officers in Alachua, Escambia, Levy, Madison, and Santa Rosa counties were arrested and held in custody by the military until persons accused of "murdering or having attempted to murder Union men and Federal soldiers" were properly punished. martial law was imposed as the military stepped in to stop bandits and crime. Federal troops were also employed to protect the rights of Unionists and former slaves.⁶⁴ Unfortunately, the bitterness between Florida's Unionists and ex-Confederates did not end in 1865 but continued to generate violence and social tensions for decades to come.

The Unionists of West Florida symbolize an often neglected aspect of Florida in the Civil War -- that a significant number of Floridians were opposed to secession. West Florida's antebellum political makeup no doubt influenced many of that region's Unionists during the war. West Floridians voted for the compromise party of the Constitutional Unionists in 1860 and attempted to stall Florida's secession in early 1861. Even after secession sizable numbers of Unionists bravely resisted the waves of Southern patriotism which seemed to sweep the entire region. Subsequent Confederate abuses helped foster Unionism in the area during the war. Nevertheless, Unionists were persecuted and were often forced to flee their homes. The more courageous among them led others to the safety of the Union lines or joined the Union army themselves. West Florida's Unionists also provided encouragement to Confederate deserters and influenced others who were disenchanted with the Confederacy. The presence of Unionists in West Florida also dispels the general notion that inhabitants of the Lower South were unanimously in favor of the Confederacy. Just as in the border states, West Floridians took up arms against one another. In the end, the views of the Unionists were finally vindicated - but at a terrible cost of human lives and regional destruction.

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³⁹Official Records, I, 15: 698-99; 26(part 1): 834.

⁴⁰Ibid., I, 26(part 1): 818, 835, 886-87; 35(part 1): 274, 386, 453-54; 35(part 2): 4-5.

⁴¹Ibid., I, 35(part 1): 386.

⁴²Ibid., I, 35(part 2): 64.

⁴³Ibid., I, 26(part 1): 887; and Wade H. Richardson, How I Reached the Union Lines (Milwaukee: Milwaukee Telegraph, 1905)

⁴⁴Richardson, How I Reached Union Lines, 19.

⁴⁵Ibid., 24; and Official Records, I, 35(part 1): 399; 35(part 2): 166.

⁴⁶Official Records, I, 35(part 2): 4.

⁴⁷Ibid., I, 26(part 1): 886-87; 35(part 1): 274, 386, 399, 453, 471; 35(part 2): 4-7; and Richardson, How I Reached Union Lines, 24-25.

⁴⁸Ibid., I, 35(part 2): 166; and Richardson, How I Reached Union Lines, 24-25.

⁴⁹Ibid., I, 35(part 2): 166; and Richardson, How I Reached Union Lines, 24, 26.

⁵⁰Ibid., I, 35(part 2): 6. See also I, 35(part 1): 386, 490.

⁵¹Ibid., 166.

⁵²Ibid., I, 35(part 1): 414-19, 444-45, 447-48; and Richardson, How I Reached Union Lines, 25-27.

⁵³Ibid., I, 35(part 2): 64; and Richardson, How I Reached Union Lines, 20-24.

⁵⁴Official Records, Navy, I, 20: 656; and William James Wells, Pioneering in the Panhandle (Fort Walton Beach, Florida: Melvin Business Services, 1976), 18. Axelson was from Sweden. Floridians originally from the North or from Europe often espoused Union sympathies.

⁵⁵McPherson, Ordeal By Fire, 266-67, 297; and Official Records, I, 15: 110; 26(part 1): 818, 834.

⁵⁶Official Records, I, 26(part 1): 834.

⁵⁷Fort Pickens Santa Rosa News Boy, 15 June 1863.

⁵⁸Davis, Civil War, 186-87, 264-66; Reiger, "Deprivation," 279-98; Reiger, "Florida After Secession," 132-42; and Tebeau, History of Florida, 216-17, 228-32, 236-38.

⁵⁹McPherson, Ordeal By Fire, 474; Reiger, "Deprivation," 279-98; and Reiger, "Florida After Secession," 131-42.

⁶⁰James Armstrong to C. S. Norton, April 25, 1865, James Armstrong Letters, Box 19, Manuscript Collection, P. K. Yonge Library, University of Florida.

⁶¹Davis, Civil War, 338-39, 426-31, 590-91; McKinnon, History of Walton County, 323-36; "Military Dispatches, Head Quarters, District of Middle Florida August 10, 1865-September 25, 1865, 11 (Statewide Rare Books Project, Works Progress Administration, 1940, Florida Collection, Florida State Library, Tallahassee), 36; Official Records I, 49(part 1): 568-72; 49(part 2): 731, 850, 867, 896; Tebeau, History of Florida, 241; and UWF Teacher Corps Project, The Land Between the Rivers (N.p.: UWF Teacher Corps Project, 1979), 20-21. Walton, Jackson, and Holmes counties were especially plagued with rogue guerrilla bands during this period following the war.

⁶²Official Records, I, 49(part 1): 571; 49(part 2): 731, 867, 896.

⁶³Ibid., I, 49(part 1): 569-71; 49(part 2): 731, 850; Davis, Civil War, 339, 426-31, 590-91; and "Military Dispatches," 36.

⁶⁴Davis, Civil War, 339, 426-27, 430-31, 590-91.

Dr. Rucker says he is constantly updating the dissertation from which this paper was taken and intends to publish it one day. If you can add new information he would love to hear from you. His address: P. O. Box 284, Bagdad, FL 32530. I hope all of you have learned as much as I have.

While I have cited Mark Curenton's name before in other areas of interest, the 1st FL Cavalry (US) is an area of special interest to which he has devoted considerable time and effort. I initially asked Mark, at Dr. Rucker's suggestion, if he could tell me a little more about it. I received a wonderful five page letter which I will share at least part of with you in the next newsletter.

Rest in Peace

Please join me in extending condolences to Billy Ward of Molino, FL and this Ward family. Billy sent me the following copy of his brother's obit:

Troy E. Ward, 55, of Bratt, died Saturday, January 4, 1997; Mr. Ward was a native of McDavid, a former resident of Orange Park, FL and had resided in Bratt for the past 17 years. He was a member of the Bratt First Baptist Church. Mr. Ward was retired from the Navy after 20 years of service, was a retired rural mail carrier, a board member of the Bratt-Davistville Water Systems and former maintenance man.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 6 at Atmore Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Atmore with Revs. Jesse Bailey and C.L. Lanford officiating. Burial was in the Godwin Cemetery with Atmore memorial Chapel Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Ward is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Daniels Ward of Bratt; four daughters, Sheila Bolerjack of Satsuma, AL, Melody Lee of Byrnevile, FL, Melinda Fountain of Lake City FL, and Lisa Warner of Huxford, AL; his step-mother, Mary Ward of Gonzalez, FL; two brothers, Billy R. Ward of Molino and Dewey R. Ward of Middleburg, FL; two step-brothers, Joe Rigby of Cantonment and Eugene Rigby of McDavid; one sister, Bonnie Vonicle Silcox of Crossville TN.; one step-sister, Gwyn Cook of Molino; six grandchildren.

Mr. Ward was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Clara Ward, a brother, Grady Leon Ward, a sister, Eleanor Marie Ward and a step-sister, Diane Rigby Brake.

Pallbearers were Romeo Coleman, Fred Moore, Jim Bolerjack, Ellie Bailey, Robert Gillman and Herman Johnson. Honorary Pallbearers were Donnie Bass and Daniel Sandsree.

This obit from the Pensacola News Journal was also sent to me by Billy:

Minnie Lou Ward, 94 of Walnut Hill, FL, died Monday, December 16, 1996. Mrs. Ward was born in McCullough, AL. She was a homemaker. She was lifelong member of the Walnut Hill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years of marriage, Horace Ward. Survivors include four sons, Marshall Ward and Helen, Ernest Ward and wife Frances, Billy Ward and wife Lois, Royce Ward and wife Marilyn; a daughter, Wilodean Ward Bingham and husband Thomas Jr. all of Walnut Hill, FL; 14 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Walnut Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. James Pugh officiating. Mrs. Ward will lie in state at the church, 1 hour prior to service time. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Baptist Cemetery. Pallbearers will be the grandsons. Honorary Pallbearers will be ladies of her Sunday School Class. JOHNSON - QUIMBY FUNERAL HOME, INC., is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be Tuesday, at the funeral home from 6 to 9 p.m.

Editor's note: Horace was the son of Henry Harrison

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(Wardy) WARD & Lillian Josephine KELLY and grandson of Celestine WARD & Catherine BAKER.

Hither & Yon

In light of the differences of opinions over the issues re the WARD family, I found the following e-mail excerpt from Bill Ward of Pottsboro, TX very interesting:

"The tone of your newsletters is clearly open, frank and tactful; it's a shame that there are a few who refuse to accept factual information. Their loss, not yours. In my own situation, I've believed for over 40 years that my grandmother was half Choctaw (she even gave me an Indian name as a child), but have discovered and proven by documentation within the past year that she was 100 percent Irish/English/Welch. But my 3rd cousin, Robert Ward, is 1/4 Muscodine (sp?) by virtue of his grandmother who married my grandfather's brother. Before this, I had complete confidence in "family oral history."

For those of you with Internet access, you will probably want to visit the Marine Corps site which has a nice color portrait of William Ward Burrows: <http://www.usmc.mil> (look in the index under Commandants). Mary Anderson wrote a wonderful biography of this man which appeared in the 5th newsletter. He was her ancestor and a descendant of the Charleston, SC WARDs. Much to Mary's chagrin, he is recognized as the second Commandant (1798-1804) and not the first.

Another genealogy site that those of you who are just starting to explore the internet will want to visit first is Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet: <http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm>

I mentioned in the 2nd newsletter that the name "Celestine" was common among the Alabama-Coushatta Indians in the piney woods of E. TX. Recently in the Dallas Morning News there was an article about this Tribe who, like many Tribes, is seeking repayment for lands they lost. The current Chief of this Tribe Clayton Sylestine.

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa Co. now has "Okaloosa Co., FL Cemeteries - Vol. III" available. It includes 11 cemeteries south of the Shoal River. The price is \$10 + \$2.50 S/H. Also available is "Marriages of Walton County - 1885-1915" for \$15.00 + \$2.50 S/H (both books ordered together only \$3.00 S/H); over 10,000 names. Both can be ordered at: GSOC, P. O. Box 1175, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175.

With thanks & appreciation to: Laura McGinley for the nut cake, Alberta Taylor for the shelled pecans, for all the nice Christmas cards; and to Betty Celani, Mark Curenton, Aleta McElwain, Karen Patterson, & Ralph Odell Ward for their support of the newsletter.

Corrections or changes to the mailing list:

Dolores Miller's new address: 5640 Enchanting Oaks Dr., Pensacola, FL 32504-8586.

Brad Ward's address correction: 719 Denmead Mill, Marietta, GA 30067. Internet: dowchaser@pipeline.com Brad is a descendant of David WARD.

Additions to my mailing list:

Linda Dixon, 5635 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Internet: lindi316@aol.com. Linda is a desc. of Elijah WARD's son Celestine & Catherine BAKER, d/o Starkes.

James A. French, 114 Lakewood Rd., Pensacola, FL 32507. Internet: jfrench@gulf.net Jim's wife is believed to be a descendant of Elijah WARD's son William Marion.

Lou Ann Lunsford, 8310 Werner, Houston, TX 77037. Internet: lapl@worldnet.att.net Lou Ann is a descendant of Moses WARD of Conecuh Co., AL.

Maridel Martinez, 307 Juniper, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Internet: maridel@sat.net Maridel is a descendant of Elijah Covington WARD, son of John WARD.

Janice Rediker, 22265 Wolf Creek Dr., Foley, AL 36535. Internet: tigerag@gulftel.com Janice is a descendant of Nancy Ward PIGGOT, daughter of Thomas WARD.

Charlie W. Skipper, 480 Woodhull Rd., Bainbridge, GA 31717. Internet: skipp@mil.decalur.public.lib.ga.us Charlie is a descendant of James B. WARD.

Daniel M. (Marc) Ward, 3515 Stephani Road, Cantonment, FL 32533. Internet: dmward@juno.com. Marc is a descendant of Elijah W. WARD thru James M. WARD and is a nephew of Merline Booher of Pensacola, FL. His father, Cary, can be found at: sisi5@juno.com

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Raymond Ward, 103 Officer Lane, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433. Internet: wardwci@aol.com. Raymond is a desc. of James B. WARD thru Benjamin F. WARD.

William (Bill) Ward, RR#3 Box 517C, Pottsboro, TX 75076; Internet: wward@texoma.net. Bill is a descendant of William WARD of Lafayette Co., MS.

Volusia Co. Library Center, City Island, Daytona Beach, FL 32014. The family history librarian there is Celia B. Jones who is a descendant of David WARD of Santa Rosa Co., FL; he does not appear to be related to David WARD of Walton Co., FL. Internet: seesawj@hotmail.com

Although these next two ladies are primarily interested in the EDGE family of W. FL, they do have an interest in some common allied families. I have exchanged e-mail with both Mary and Donna and have thoroughly enjoyed comparing notes with them. See Mary's web page: "Edge Notes & Harvey Habitat"

<http://www.buffnet.net/~mewexler/welcome.html>

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Coming in the next newsletter on 1 June 1997:

In addition to some of Mark Curenton's work on the 1st FL (US) Cavalry there will be several other items of interest re to the Civil War including Ward's Raiders and other Ward's named "Jim"

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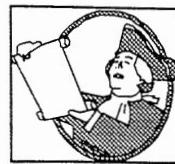
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Wards & Bakers of the Deep South

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"The latch string hangs on the outside of the door."

When J. W. [Ward] asked Jesse Turner if he could visit him again, Jesse replied, "*The latch string hangs on the outside.*" He then told the story about the origin of this old saying. His aunt and her family had built their home across the river from his family's home and he often visited them. His aunt's home had a homemade latch for the door. The door latch on the inside of the door had a string that ran through a hole in the door and hung outside. To open the door, one had only to pull the string to lift the latch on the inside. For security at night, to prevent uninvited guests from entering the home, the string was pulled back inside the door. From this practice, Jesse's aunt was fond of telling friends, "*The string hangs on the outside of the door.*"

The above quote came from an interview of Jesse Turner by Cary Ward of Cantonment, FL, who sent it to me, and his brother J. W. of El Paso, TX in 1988.

This issue of the newsletter marks the beginning of its fourth year and I am pleased to announce that it arrived in cyberspace in March. I have been very intrigued with the idea of creating my own Homepage for some time now. So I am learning the "language" of the Internet and my site is now on-line, but still very much under construction.

The theme I am starting with will be the WARDs & BAKERs of W. FL (what else?). There you will find the current edition of the newsletter and all of the back issues are available to be downloaded as zipped, text only, files.

That URL: <http://members.aol.com/gronj/welcome.htm>

With the growth of the mailing list that I cited in the last newsletter, one of the objectives of my homepage is to reduce both present and future mailing costs. Since much of my growth is coming via the Internet, this should help alleviate growing pains and I will be able to keep the newsletter in a free status to those without Internet access.

Another advantage is that I think it will encourage more participation in the newsletter. Here is your opportunity to get free time on-line and you do not even have to have Internet access. I recently found a JONES cousin at a site called "Genealogy's Most Wanted" thru a "tidbit" that was included in her query. The Internet works and it is getting better by the day!

Those I know to have Internet access will receive an E-mail notice of the new issue. Unless you are a contributor, you will be dropped from the mailing list. Contributors will continue to receive a copy until you notify me otherwise. If you get Internet access in the future, please advise.

In the last issue I proposed the idea of having a summit

conference similar to the one that Gene Welch's group recently organized. I am sorry to report that I have received no feedback to date. By mentioning Nancy Prosser's name I did manage to connect Patricia Ward to an old friend. (Another "tidbit" success story!)

The Bakers

I recently received some information on Elizabeth Baker SENTERFITT, in Starkes BAKER's lineage, from Roy Godsey in Tennessee via E-mail. His daughter-in-law had received this information from a lady in Niceville, FL. In that data Starkes' son Henry was said to have been a Captain in the 1st FL Infantry Co. E, CSA. In my attempt to verify it I found the following in "Biographical Rosters of Florida's Confederate & Union Soldiers:"

(Old) First Florida Infantry, Company E.

"Capt. Henry Hyer BAKER (b. 1840) lived at Jackson, FL and enlisted at Marianna, FL 3/30/61. His father was one of seven holdouts to sign the secession ordinance. He was discharged after his term expired in early 1862 and he joined the 33rd NC Infantry. He was killed at Gettysburg 7/3/63."

Not old enough, lived at the wrong place, and died before 1870 when Henry, son of Starkes, is listed in the census of Walton Co., FL. This Henry's father was James L. G. BAKER and, as shown in the last newsletter, it was his Uncle Simmons Jones BAKER who reluctantly signed the secession ordinance, not his father.

In a past newsletter I mentioned Abner BAKER who was found in the 1850 census of Holmes Co., FL. He was 38, b. SC and his wife Margaret was 29, b. FL; there was one son James age 6, b. AL. In the 1850 FL Mortality schedule there is an Abner BAKER age 2 who was their son; he died in July and the cause of death was diarrhea. The 1860 census of Holmes Co. names children James W. 15, Rachel E. 8, Daniel A. 7, Mary J. 4, & Nancy D. 2, all b. AL.

In "Biographical Rosters of Florida's Confederate and Union Soldiers" by Hartman & Coles additional information about this family is found:

11th Florida Infantry, Company F - CSA

"Baker, Daniel Absalom (b. 6/9/53 China Grove; m. Margaret Mary Madison 1871) enlisted 4/30/63 at Campbellton. He deserted 8/10/63 in Jackson Co. but returned in mid 1864. He was admitted 9/21/64 Howard's Grove Hospital, Richmond and furloughed 9/30/64. He was home at the end of the war and,



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when his brother James did not return "..... left Holmes County on horseback in search of his brother. He found him in Tennessee and brought him home. He taught school in Holmes County after the war and moved to Troy, AL in 1877 where he was active in politics. Father: Abner; Mother: Margaret Vaughan.

Baker, James Willoughby (b. 1/27/45 China Grove; m. Amanda, Lena Rivers May; d. 4/21/1932 buried near Samson, AL) enlisted 5/18/63 at Youngs Mill. He was promoted 4th Cpl 3/24/64 then 3rd Cpl soon after. He was captured 4/6/65 at Farmville and took the oath 6/15/65 at Newport News, VA. He was 5'6", hazel eyes, dark hair, light skin. He began the long journey home on foot but fell ill along the way and was rescued by his brother, Daniel, who brought James home where he was nursed to health. He was barefooted and his sole possessions were two blankets, one Confederate and the other Union. After the war, he was a member of United Confederate Veteran Camp Mace Kimmie #1660. See Daniel Absalom (above)."

I have a difficult time accepting this Daniel as having served because of his age. The 1860 census corroborates the DOB given above which would mean he was about 10 at the time of his alleged enlistment. There was indeed a Daniel BAKER in this particular unit, but I believe he was the Daniel BAKER of Jackson Co., FL who I have discussed in previous newsletters.

James W. apparently lived in Geneva Co., AL when he applied for and received a CSA pension in 1905; he d. 22 Apr 1933. His widow applied for and received a widow's pension in 1945. They were m. in Haynesville, Lowndes Co., AL 29 May 1904.

The Ward Family

From Cary WARD, some more of the 1988 interview with Jesse Turner:

"Andrew Ward, son of Elijah and Sarah, married a woman named Melissa Cannon. Their burial site is unknown, at least by me (Jesse). They lived at Cannontown which is located on the other side of Baker, FL as you go toward Andalusia, AL. Jesse said that John Ward married his aunt, Mary Grace Covington. (Another source said that John married Mary Cousins). Jesse said that she was a sister to his Grandmother Turner."

Jesse Told the story of John and Andrew ('Ander') Ward being taken out and hung one night alongside the river between Crestview and Dorcas, FL. He stated that the reason for the hanging: John and Andrew were brothers of Celestine. After the hanging, Celestine "deserted" from the Confederate Army and came home. He shot and killed 2 brothers for their part in the hanging. John's wife, Mary, is buried in the Crowder Chapel Cemetery in the same row of graves as his family, including his parents. Mary remarried after John was hung.....she married a man named John COVINGTON. Mary and John had three children, Ander, Mack, and Mary. The daughter, Mary, married Robert KENNINGTON (or PENNINGTON)."

Cary's Note: The epitaph on Mary Grace Covington's grave reads as follows: Mary G. Covington, Born June 14, 1832, Died March 29, 1909, "Gone but not forgotten."

James Palmer of Eufaula, AL informed me that there is a second newer marker in front of the old one on Mary's grave; it indicates she d. 3 Mar 1869. This cannot be right as Jesse as a young boy remembered Mary. Fred Turner's documentation: "Jesse Turner was present when his Aunt Mary

died at 6AM.' Said she used to wear a red bandana tied over her head and sat by the fireplace and smoked a corn cob pipe."

Another Elijah WARD allied line?? I think an EDGE/WARD connection has been identified. Mary Ellen Wexler of South Wales, NY contacted me re some deep south WARD connections in her research. I visited her homepage on the WWW and found a Sarah C. WARD b. 1854 who m. Jesse L. EDGE and lived near Crestview, FL. It showed no parents, but her age matches that of the only known child of John E. WARD, son of Elijah, and Mary Grace COUSINS reflected in the 1860 census of Walton Co., FL. John was one of the WARD brothers killed in the feud with the NICHOLS' family ca 1865. I never could not find his widow Mary, or Sarah, in the 1870 census and this remained a loose end. The children of Jesse & Sarah: John Elijah EDGE, b. Apr 1870; Kate EDGE, b. 1873; Jesse Steven EDGE, b. 5 Nov 1876; Mack EDGE; Charles Sean EDGE; Sam E. EDGE, b. 9 Feb 1888; Della EDGE, b. Jun 1892; Allen Ernest EDGE, b. 14 Aug 1895.

Other evidence suggesting that Sarah C. was indeed the daughter of John E. is that she named her oldest son "John Elijah" and her oldest daughter "Kate;" her grandmother was Catherine (Kate) McIntosh COUSINS.

More descendants of Elijah W. WARD? From James A. French, who got my name from Mary E. Wexler, via the Internet:

"I understand that you have done extensive research on the WARD family. I am interested in the WARDs of Walton Co., FL. My wife's grandmother was Margaret Catherine WARD (1895-1984). She was born near Crestview in what was then Walton Co. Margaret's father was Joseph Elijah WARD (1852-1932) and her mother was Mary C. (Mollie) EVERIDGE (1871-1947). Joseph and Mollie were never married to each other and they are both buried with their respective spouses in the Dorcas Cemetery in Okaloosa County, FL. Joseph Elijah WARD's father was William M. [Marion, son of Elijah] WARD (1819-1887) and he is buried in the Rocky Bayou Cemetery near Niceville, FL. The grave beside William's is Catherine (looks like 'G') WARD (1819-1879). The inscriptions on the tombstones in the Rocky Bayou Cemetery are very worn and some of the dates are hard to make out, but that's what they look like to me.

I'm sure my wife's family has no objection to your adding Margaret C. WARD to your database of WARDs, but I must caution you that I'm not sure if any real verification of this exists. The story of the circumstances of her birth are part of my wife's family history, and they accept it as true, as do I.

Supposedly, Mary EVERIDGE went to work for Joseph Elijah WARD while her husband John had gone off working for an extended period of time. While Mary was working for Joseph, the union occurred and Margaret resulted (if that sounds strange, I'm just trying to put it delicately). At first, the WARDs did not accept Margaret as a WARD. She is shown as living with the EVERIDGES on the 1900 Walton Co. census. From what I understand, she was not accepted by the WARDs until she was grown. And when I say the WARDs, I'm talking about Joseph Elijah and his family. Margaret married Raymond FLOWERS, and when their first child (Lurie Elijah) was born, the WARDs saw the child and said there was no doubt that she was a WARD. Margaret and Raymond FLOWERS' children all grew up knowing their Uncle George and Aunt Nora [EDWARDS] (Joseph and Rebecca's [DREADEN] children) and the FLOWERS' children remember their mother taking them to visit her parents graves at Dorcas and her grandfather's grave at

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Rocky Bayou."

More of the taped conversation with Jesse, provided by Cary Ward, re Crowder Cemetery:

"A young couple from Alabama was passing through the area headed for Bay County further to the south. At that time, the Chapel did not exist and the area was a wilderness. The old road passed by the site where the present Chapel is now located and crossed a ford of the river just below. The young daughter of the couple became seriously ill so they decided to build a log cabin on the flats above the river ford and spend the winter while the little girl overcame her illness. The cabin had a stick and mud chimney and stood about where the picnic stables now stand in front of the Crowder Chapel. The child died and was buried near the cabin. This grave was the first burial in what is now known as the Crowder Chapel Cemetery. The stone marker over the little girl's grave was placed there by Jesse Turner and other community members when the cemetery was 'improved.' The epitaph on her tombstone reads: 'Mr. Rogers' child - died in 1852.' The 2nd and 3rd graves in the cemetery were those of the Bell brothers who were murdered. The 4th burial was that of Gabriella Meigs, Jesse Turner's maternal grandmother."

One of the things that has been pointed out as evidence of the Creek heritage in the WARD family was the "traditional Creek grave site" of Gabriella Ward MEIGS. I have questioned much of the Creek lore over the years, but it sounded reasonable that it was indeed a Creek grave and I always accepted it; it was different. It was my thinking that the grave site had probably been so constructed many years after her death. The following excerpt comes from a transcription of a taped interview with Jesse Turner by Betty Perkins and Lila Kohr; it was recently provided to me by Doris Padgett of Baton Rouge, LA.

"When Gabriella died and we put her away, my Mother would cry when it rained down that way, at the cemetery, so my Father got old man Julius Alton to make pickets out of that knotted pine, to put a picket fence and a roof over it. Them post are right there now, so my Mother [Amelia Caroline Meigs TURNER] wouldn't worry about it raining on her Mother's grave. And they put John Benjamin right by the side of it. And I remember as a little boy, I was four years old, they say a kid can't remember like that but they can, I remember seeing them put a box in the hole and my Mother crying, standing by a picket fence and I was standing beside her so I know that she was standing by that picket fence that's around Gabrella's grave when Grandpa was being buried. I got that memory of his being buried."

No mention of any Creek tradition and as hard as Jesse tried to prove his Creek heritage, through the WARD family, over the years, I think that he would have mentioned that the grave had Creek influences if that were indeed the case. Jesse did indeed prove his Creek heritage thru the COUSINS/McINTOSH family.

Donna Wright of Arlington, TX sent me what appears to be a complete 30 page copy of Genola Spence's paper on the WARD & BASS families. I was particularly pleased to receive this because I only had what turned out to be pages 6 - 9; my copies had been copied and circulated so much that the page numbers were no longer visible. I was not sure that they were consecutive pages and I was concerned

that something may have been taken out of context.

This paper is probably the true source of the following WARD story that was alleged to have appeared in the Pensacola Gazette. I have discussed my opinions of this issue several times both in my book and in the newsletters, and quite often in private, but there are many more people now that may be interested. At one time this paper was considered by some researchers to be the best evidence of a John WARD of Bon Secour, AL/Charleston, SC link, a John WARD & Nancy KNIGHT/Elijah W. WARD connection, and a Creek connection to both.

This is an article that appeared in the Pensacola Gazette of December 10, 1842

I am typing this article since it is too dim to reproduce.

John Ward, great-grandfather of Christian and Nancy Ward Bass, moved from Virginia to Charleston, South Carolina. Records from Archives Department, Columbia, South Carolina, show that John Ward's will was recorded May 11, 1720. His children were: John, Benjamin, Joshua, and Daniel.

The family raised cattle for a livelihood. The cattle were driven from Carolina to Mobile, Alabama and New Orleans, Louisiana for sale, by way of Columbus, Georgia. Here they crossed the Chattahoochee River at a ford and stopped for the night. It was here John met Nancy Knight, his future wife. Her mother was a Creek Indian and her father operated a blacksmith shop near the river crossing.

One day while the Ward boys were splitting rails to build fence, John decided he was tired of splitting rails, left his axe in the woods, and went to Columbus, Georgia. He and Nancy Knight were married. They went back to Charleston, South Carolina to live and it was there that Elijah was born in 1779. Children of John and Nancy were: Elijah, Moses, Patrick, Tarelton, John, Benjamin, Henry, and Nancy. The family moved to Bon Secour, Alabama, near Mobile.

Elijah married Sarah Cochran, August 3, 1816 at Grove Hill, Clark County, Alabama. She was the daughter of a state senator and a travelling Baptist preacher, also a man of considerable wealth in cattle and land, as shown by his will made August 27, 1818.

Elizah and Sarah lived in a fork of the Tensas and Alabama Rivers, raising cattle for a livelihood. There were twelve children: Gabrella, Jack, Janice, William, John, Andrew J., Louise, Sarah, Celesteen, Douvak, Mary, and Harriett. Because the children had Indian heritage, they were not permitted to attend schools in the area. Some of Elijah's brothers moved to Mississippi, but Elijah, accompanied by Sarah's brother Charles Cochran, moved his family and stock to Florida. They settled on the east bank of the Blackwater River at Milton, which at that time was in Walton County. The area continues to be known as Wards Basin. The family later moved near Dorcas, east of Crestview.

Elijah served in the U. S. Army enlisting from Yellow River, Florida, May 13 1832 in the war between the United States and the Creek Indians. He received his discharge January 13, 1838. At his death he was buried near Crestview in a cemetery which is not in existence at this time. William Ward enlisted in the U.S. Army July 3, 1836 as a private in the Indian War.

I was especially interested in what appeared immediately before and after the same WARD story in Genola's paper.

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This WARD story appeared on page six of Genola's paper. Page five was a summary of the early BASS family and page seven begins with the heading "Copied from the Pensacola Gazette of December 10, 1842" and follows with the Daniel CAMPBELL story which did indeed appear in that issue of the Gazette. From Genola's work, it is clear to me that the WARD story could not have been confused as having been copied from the Gazette.

But, Genola's story, with only minor discrepancies, appears to have been widely circulated by itself with "Copied from the Pensacola Gazette of December 10, 1842" at the top of the page followed on the next line by "I am typing the article since it is too dim to reproduce" as shown herein. The only differences between the two stories is the misspelling of three words in the latter copy and some minor paragraph alterations. It is still my opinion that the story was Genola's and that it was copied from her by someone else who added the new heading.

I also was interested in Genola's sources and on page two I found the following: "The following records were obtained from families, census reports, national archives, recorded wills, land deeds, Bible records of births and deaths, and markers in cemeteries." This does not seem to help us determine the source of the WARD story and we can only assume that it was from family lore.

I had found the names of two of the children of Elijah WARD & Sarah COCHRAN mentioned in this story very interesting, "Janice" and "Douvak," and the fact that James Melvin WARD's name did not appear on the list. Janice is not a name common in that era and my thoughts were that it had been confused with James; Douvak with Daniel, one of Elijah's children who was said to have died young. If this is indeed true, it would indicate a source of these records that was very difficult to read such as an old family bible. Does, or did, one really exist? If so, I am not aware of it or any other document naming all of the children of Elijah W. and Sarah Cochran WARD.

One other thing I was able to do was determine an approximate date for Genola's paper. While it was not given in her paper directly, the latest date entered in her genealogy of the WARD/BASS family, which made up the bulk of the 30 pages, was 1967; Genola died in 1969.

There may still be some credibility to the apparent lore found in Genola's paper. But, someone seeing the source of the CAMPBELL story in this paper decided to give the WARD story instant credibility by tying it to that same source, the Pensacola Gazette. What still amazes me is that they got away with it as long as they did! Did they not know that the Gazette would eventually be checked? Did they also overlook the now obvious discrepancies of the date of Elijah's death (after 1865) and that Christian & Nancy Ward BASS were not even WARDs in 1842 (Christian b. 1847 & Nancy b. 1860) much less married?

The Civil War in the Deep South

During my discussions with Brian Rucker he suggested that I should write to Mark Currenton of Apalachicola, FL for more information about the 1st FL Cavalry (US). The following is part of the first letter I received from Mark:

"I received your letter of July 19, asking about the First Florida Federal Cavalry last week. While I was in school at the University of Florida, I wrote a paper on this regiment. Since that time I have continued my research with the idea of one day publishing an article about the unit. I have not yet gotten around to writing that article, but I will be glad to share what I know about the First Florida Cavalry U. S. A. with you.

By late 1863 the military situation in West Florida had settled into something of a stalemate. The Union forces held the Navy Yard at Pensacola and the forts protecting it. The garrison, much reduced by the demand for troops for the campaigns along the Mississippi River and further north, consisted of just two regiments of infantry, two companies of artillery and one company of cavalry.

The major Confederate force in the area consisted of Clanton's Alabama brigade of cavalry, infantry and artillery. They were posted to guard the railroad from Mobile Bay to Montgomery, skirting Escambia County to the north. Morale in the brigade was low and during the winter of '63-64 some of the troops mutinied. This resulted in the brigade being broken up and the regiments reassigned to separate commands. They were replaced by more reliable troops.

By this date the woods in West Florida and South Alabama were full of disaffected southerners who had either deserted from the army or were hiding from conscription. As early as April 1862 the governor of Florida was complaining about disloyal elements in portions of the state, and by 1863 the governors of both Alabama and Florida were appealing to Confederate authorities for assistance in controlling the bands of deserters and draft dodgers who had established themselves in the area.

Many of these men and their families found their way to safety behind Union lines at Pensacola. To these men the Union garrison offered the safest refuge from Confederate authorities. To the Federals, however, these men offered a potential pool of recruits. The Federal commander recommended that they be recruited into the Union army.

When Brigadier General Alexander Asboth arrived to take over command of the garrison in November 1863, he carried orders authorizing him to organize the First Florida Cavalry. Asboth was a Hungarian, having served in the failed revolution of 1848 before being exiled to America. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Union army, serving in Missouri as chief of staff to General Fremont. An ambitious man, Asboth saw the assignment to West Florida as a chance to distinguish himself in an independent command, earning recognition and advancement. Organizing a new regiment would add to his meager garrison and enable him to accomplish greater military feats.

At first recruitment for the First Florida Cavalry went well. Drawing first on the men who had already entered the Union lines, Asboth also sent out expeditions to gather recruits from the surrounding areas. By January 10, 1864, over 120 men had enlisted. A recruiting camp was established at Point Washington, but was abandoned when the garrison and recruits were captured while attempting to capture a Confederate cavalry company on the Choctawhatchee River. Another camp was soon established at East Pass (Destin). By the beginning of March 1864, 300 recruits were present and, on March 27, the first battalion of the regiment was mustered into service.

The Confederate took measures to clamp down on the flow of men into the Union lines. Clanton's brigade was replaced by troops from Tennessee and Mississippi considered more loyal to the

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South. It could be dangerous to make the trip to the Navy Yard. When six men were discovered trying to cross Choctawhatchee Bay to East Pass, the rebels fired upon them, killing three and wounding two.

Although the flow of recruits diminished, enough men were enlisted to form new companies. The regiment never reached its full complement, however. The final company organized, Company F, was mustered in on August 23, 1864.

There were probably many reasons why the men enlisted in the First Florida. Some of the men professed love for the Union, many more were probably running from the Confederate Army, but the most tangible reason, in my belief, was the \$300 bounty offered for enlistment. General Asboth wrote, "Considering the general destitution of the people here, it would be an act of humanity, as well as good policy, to grant advance payment of the bounty." Later he reported, "Enlistments in the First Florida Cavalry still continue, although the inability to pay the recruits the advance bounty has a tendency to check it." Many of the men deserted shortly after enlisting, once they had the bounty in their hands.

There were some serious concerns about the quality of the men in the regiment. Colonel William Holbrook, ironically the man who evidently had first suggested the recruitment of the regiment, considered the refugees gathered at the Navy Yard to be "an ignorant, lazy, and worthless lot." Seventeen years after the war he wrote, "It was not altogether safe, however, to rely too much upon troops made up from such an element. They were not entirely loyal, and hence were unreliable and untrustworthy."

The officers selected to command these men were a mixture of foreigners, northerners promoted from the ranks and Southerners. Many of the officers were Hungarians who had fought with Asboth in 1848. Some of them, such as Major Albert Ruttkey, seemed to get along well with the enlisted men of the regiment, but others, such as Captain Alexander Gaal, knew little English and made poor commanders.

As Colonel of the new regiment General Asboth appointed a former comrade from Missouri, Eugen von Kielmansegge. Kielmansegge had emigrated from Germany at the beginning of the Civil War and accepted a commission as Major of the 4th Missouri Cavalry. Ambitious like his benefactor, Kielmansegge took a sick leave and went to Washington, where he used political influence to receive a better commission as Colonel of the 1st Maryland Cavalry. Once his commander in Missouri found out about this, he was livid. He demanded that the War Department make an example of Kielmansegge. This resulted in Colonel Kielmansegge being dismissed from the service.

General Asboth was either unaware of this dismissal or paid no mind to it when he appointed his friend as Colonel of the First Florida Cavalry. This prior dismissal would later come back to haunt the Colonel. In late 1864 he had to turn over command of the regiment to Major Ruttkey while he went to Washington after the War Department realized he was the same man previously dismissed from the army. Everything was eventually worked out, and he returned to the regiment.

A sickly man, Eugen Kielmansegge was mustered out of the army in April 1865 for physical disability. He later played a minor role at the local level in reconstruction Florida and was living in Apalachicola in 1870. He might have died here that year, but I have not been able to confirm it.

Many of the southern officers were former officers in the

Confederate Army who had either resigned or deserted. Of special interest is Lieutenant Joseph G. Sanders. I've enclosed an article on him written by Judge Val McGee. Judge McGee has done a considerable bit of research about the First Florida Cavalry also. His address is P.O. Box 1231, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

The Union Command was slow providing arms and horses for the First Florida. On its first major expedition, in July 1864, the cavalrymen marched as infantry. By the Marianna raid in September only a portion of the regiment had received horses, and they were armed only with sabers.

Besides participating in the major expeditions mounted from Pensacola, the First Florida was used to gather intelligence for the Yankees. Once mounted, small details of the regiment were constantly being dispatched into the interior to collect horses, recruits and news on what the Confederates in the area were doing.

There were five major expeditions that the regiment served in. In July 1864 the regiment served as infantry on a push north of Pensacola toward Pollard. In September the four mounted companies of the regiment had joined Asboth's raid on Marianna. In November the First Florida participated in another push toward Pollard, and a December expedition succeeded in capturing the town and breaking the railroad from Mobile to Montgomery. The final campaign, and the largest, was the drive for Mobile in March and April of 1865. During this final operation 182 members of the First Florida were part of the cavalry brigade that raided through Andalusia, Alabama, before tearing up the railroad north of Evergreen, wrecking two trains. Rejoining the main army at Blakely, the First Florida took part in some of the final fighting of the war. After the surrender of Mobile, the cavalry, including the Floridians, was dispatched on a raid through central Alabama. They entered Greenville on April 21 and Montgomery on April 24. Here the regiment stayed until ordered back to Fort Barrancas at the end of May.

The U. S. Army kept the First Florida Cavalry in service for eight months after the end of the war to allow time for passions to cool off. The commanders realized that having Union and Confederate soldiers returning to the same areas would be a volatile mixture. They did not want to reignite the Civil War all over again. In August the First Florida was moved to a camp near Tallahassee where it was consolidated with the 2nd Florida Cavalry U.S.A. On November 17, 1865, the regiment was mustered out of service.

Eight months was not enough time for tempers to die down though. Many of the men from the First Florida had rough times when they returned home. When Jim Woodham, who had deserted from the Fifteenth Alabama Infantry before joining the First Florida Cavalry, first met his brother Sam, who had remained loyal to the Confederacy, after the war, they had a fistfight. Other men encountered more severe resentment. One soldier stated that more members of the regiment were killed after the war than during the war. Some gave up trying to live in the South and moved north or west to friendlier territory.

But a large number of former Union soldiers remained in the region they knew as home. While their neighbors joined camps of Confederate veterans and remembered their service to the South with speeches, parades, and monuments, the men from Florida and Alabama who had fought for the North kept quiet and gradually let their deeds fade away. Their service is generally only remembered in old family legends that grandpa fought for the North during the war, and by the curved tops of their tombstones that appear in cemeteries around the area."

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An excerpt from a more recent letter from Mark after knowing my intentions of using his story:

"The only regret I have is that I did not provide footnotes for some of my sources. To go back now and find all the references would be very time consuming, but listed below are the four works that were most useful in compiling the history of the regiment."

Holbrook, William C. A Narrative of the Services of the Officers and Enlisted Men of the 7th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers Veterans) from 1862 to 1866. New York: American Bank Note Company, 1882.

Richardson, Wade H. How I Reached the Union Lines. Milwaukee: Wade H. Richardson, 1905.

Vasvary, Edmund. Lincoln's Hungarian Heroes: The Participation of Hungarians in the Civil War 1861-1865. Washington: The Hungarian Reformed Federation of America, 1939.

The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1880-1901.

Mark has a personal interest in the regiment. His great, great grandfather, Allen CAMPBELL and his great, great, great grandfather, Seth GASKIN, both served in Company B. He had never heard any stories about their Civil War service when he was growing up. Allen Campbell's sister, Catherine CAMPBELL, married William Marion WARD.

Many of you have seen the following report made by Corp. James Evans, Co. D. 1st FL (US) Cav. on 12 March 1865. I first received a copy of this excerpt from Wiley Ward of Andalusia, AL.

"Heard that Sergt. Ward Co. B, 1st Fla. Cav. and five men had killed old man Nichols [Samuell] and one Son [Covall] and wounded another son [Austin] of the old man on Shoal River in Walton Co., Fla. on or about the 8th day of March 1865."

Cpl. EVANS is no doubt referring to Celestine WARD and the infamous feud with the NICHOLS' family. I recently cited this to Mark Curenton and mentioned that I did not know the original source; Mark replied with that source. The above excerpt is only a part of that report and was made as part of the investigation into Lt. Joseph SANDERS' activities and not Sgt. WARD's. The rest, in military terms, was a debriefing. For reference to the "roll call" offered in recent newsletters, Lt. Sanders was a former Confederate enlisted man and officer from Dale Co., AL; Cpl. EVANS was from Pike Co., AL. The following is the full report sent to me by Mark:

12th March 1865

Statement of James Evans, Corp., Co. D, 1st Fla. Cav. who left with the scouting party under Lieut. Sanders reports as follows Landed at Four Mile Landing, Choctawhatchee river Feb. 27, 1865, marched along the river to between Hewitts Bluff and Geneva.

Met with no force of the enemy. the nearest heard of was reported at Cambelton and Mariana consisting of three Cos. of Cav. and one piece of Artillery. Two small Cos. of Cav. are reported at Elba, Coffee Co., Ala.

The party separated at Hewitt's Bluff March 2d to meet again March 14th 7 miles above Newton, Dale Co., Ala.

Heard that Sergt Wm. Barnes Co. D, 1st Fla. Cav. who had been left at Mr. Peacock's house in Skipperville, Dale Co.,

Ala. on the 17th of December 1864 with a broken leg by Lieut Sanders had been subjected to an amputation by Dr. Stugall: the Dr. is reported to have said that if he could get a lick at Sergt. Barnes he the Dr. would finish him. heard that Sergt Barnes had died in consequence of the amputation.

Heard that some deserters from the 1st Fla. Cav. have robbed Mr. Rogers of \$83 in U. S. money

Heard that Sergt. Ward Co. B, 1st Fla. Cav. and five men had killed old man Nichols and one Son and wounded another son of the old man on Shoal River in Walton Co. Fla. on or about the 8th day of March 1865.

Corp. James Evans brought in two horses captured by him.

From: Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Florida . M400, Roll. Service Record of Joseph G. Sanders

This report remains the only concrete evidence we have of the WARD/NICHOLS feud in Walton Co., FL and certainly substantiates at least part of the lore surrounding it. Many dates, some much later, have been given for this feud and I think this report narrows it down considerably.

There has been much written about Jim Ward of Ward's Raiders and there is much speculation among researchers as to exactly who this man was. There were at least three James M. WARDs in S. AL & W. FL who could "fit" agewise; James Madison of Coffee Co., AL, James Madison son of James B. of Dale Co., AL, and James Melvin son of Elijah WARD of Walton Co., FL. Both "Biographical Rosters....." and Carswell say Jim WARD of Ward's Raiders is buried at Antioch Cemetery in Walton Co. which would strongly suggest that this is the James WARD of Dale Co., AL who moved to Walton Co., FL after the War. From the footnotes of Carswell's book, his information was taken partially from WARD [James B.] family historian Margie Weathers and I do not agree with them. I do agree that the James WARD who served in Co. E of the 1st FL (US) Cav was probably the infamous raider, but I believe he is the one from Coffee Co., AL. He is found in the 1860 census of Coffee Co., AL:

#301	James Ward	28	AL
	Polly "	24	AL
	Mary G. "	7	AL
	Martha "	5	AL
	Nancy "	4	AL

This age matches that of the James M. WARD in Co. E. Another bit of information that seems to corroborate my opinion is that found in the Union military records from the National Archives is a note under "Remarks" of the Muster-in and Descriptive Roll that states: "Credited to the town of Elba, Coffee Co. 8th Cong. Dist. Ala." Although he enlisted in Santa Rosa Co., FL, all accounts of the Raiders I have read state he was from this area of AL. According to most accounts, is was tried by the state of AL after the War, but never found guilty; he was ordered out of the state and he took his family to MS.

James M. WARD of Dale Co., AL did indeed have a reputation of being a member of one of these gangs, but I have found no evidence of his service for either side. But, he is no doubt the one buried at Antioch.

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"Chiseled in Stone," is an expression often used to show that certain information is irrefutable. I learned very early in my research that cemetery markers while "chiseled in stone" are sometimes very refutable. Both of my great grandparents John C. & Josephine Grimes WARD have errors on their markers. Recently I found a more blatant example on the grave of John's father James Melvin WARD.

According to lore related to me by Merline Booher of Pensacola, James Melvin WARD, son of Elijah, of Walton Co., FL and who later settled in Escambia Co., FL, had a medical exemption from serving in the Civil War due to his bad legs. I have found no proof of this, but I do know such exemptions did indeed exist. Nor have I found any real evidence that he served for either side or that would suggest that he was a renegade.

In the second issue of Mark Lowe's newsletter there was a list of WARD related Civil War veterans. On that list was the name "James Melvin WARD - Fla. 10th Co. K." He encouraged his readers to not let these veterans be forgotten and told them about the VA program for obtaining tombstones.

Since James was also my ancestor I was especially interested. I had already researched this and had not come to a conclusion re his possible service. I feared that a new marker would soon appear on his grave in Pine Barren without proper documentation. I had not, however, looked at this particular "James Ward" so I went back to work.

The military records from the National Archives for the James WARD, NMI given, who served in this particular unit offered no information that would help identify him other than his place of enlistment; Monticello, Jefferson Co., FL. Based only on this information I did not believe that James Melvin WARD, living in Walton Co., would have travelled about 150 miles to enlist.

In going back through my notes I discovered that a James WARD of Monticello applied for a Confederate pension from the State of FL, file #A08539, and I ordered it from the FL State Archives. These records clearly show that this man served in the 10th FL Inf. Co. K. This James Ward lived in Monticello before and after the War. His application for the pension in 1907 was approved; it is not James Melvin WARD who died in 1890. It also stated James was born in 1845; James Melvin was born in 1820. Of further possible interest, James Ward of Montecello was a member of Camp J. P. Anderson #59, United Confederate Veterans, in Jefferson Co., FL.

I found a James WARD on p. 328 of the 1870 census of Jefferson Co., FL and he was a perfect match to the man found in the pension papers; he was 25. James Melvin was in Walton Co., FL at this time, p. 812. I still have not found a MI of "M" for the other James.

In the miscellaneous section of "Biographical Rosters.....," the James M. WARD (1821 - 1890) buried at Pine Barren Cemetery in Escambia Co. is listed. It states: "does not appear on any rolls, but claimed to be a member of Co. A, 11th FL Infantry." It does not make it clear whether he claimed it or someone stated it for him. The endnote cites the Florida WPA Grave Registration. I had been to this grave site many times and there was no mention of service on his original marker.

On 3 Aug 1996 I forwarded a summary of my research via E-mail to Mark Lowe to which I never got a reply. On a recent visit to Pine Barren Cemetery, my worst fears were realized when I found a new marker placed as a footstone on James Melvin WARD's grave: "James Melvin Ward, Pvt. Co. K 10 Fla Inf. CSA, 1820-1890." While James Melvin is indeed Mark's ancestor I do not know that he is responsible for the placing of this new marker.

These records clearly show that the marker is on the wrong grave. Chiseled in stone, I consider this marker to be an affront to both men and to the efforts of all serious researchers. I hope that whoever placed this marker will set the record straight and remove it.

Hither & Yon

Otmer Horn of Cantonment, FL, sends news of the arrival of his grandson & latest descendant of Elijah W. WARD:

River Dean Garrett, born April 25, 1997 at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, 19 inches long, 5 pounds 12 1/4 ounces. He is the son of Benjamin Dean & Evelyn Elaine (Horn) Garrett.

Daniel & Mary Ward of Booneville, MS wanted me to extend an invitation to all of you to come to their Reunion. It is pot luck luncheon and set for the 12th of July at Echo, AL (near Ozark). He is a descendant of John G. WARD and his son William J. (Bill) WARD, but does not know exactly where they fit with the rest of the WARDs. Ralph Odell Ward has been to this reunion and speaks very highly of it and the folks he has met there.

Thanks to: Dolores Miller, Janice Rediker, Voncile Smith, and Marian Dickson for their support of the newsletter. To Mark for the wonderful history that he has shared with us, and to Cary Ward who transcribed his Jesse Turner interview for me.

Oops! Maridel Martinez's ancestor Elijah C. WARD was not the son of John WARD as stated in the last newsletter. He was the son of Henry and grandson of John. My mistake.

Additions to the mailing list:

Jimmy Mays, 1209 Eton, Richardson, TX 75080. Jimmy is a descendant of Elijah W. WARD down thru Celestine.
John O'Farrell, 119 Cherry Hill Dr., Daphne, AL 32526.
E-mail: ofarrell@rd.qms.com. John is a descendant of Covall NICHOLS & Sarah WARD.

Otmer Horn, 711 Piney Lane, Cantonment, FL 32533.
E-mail: otmer@ix.netcom.com - Otmer's wife Sharon descends from Celestine WARD down thru Emanuel.

Change of address:

Daniel Ward, 608 Highway 364, Booneville, MS 38829-8117

Address correction:

Daniel M. & Cary Ward live on Stefani, not Stephani.
Voncile Smith, 4605 Deerfield Dr., Pensacola, FL 32526.

Mary Anderson's new E-mail address:
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Next issue: 1 Sep 1997 - Big Mama (Ada Ward Cruit) "speaks" to Bo Ward. More from Jesse Turner.

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"The job of a genealogist is to take the records that have turned people into numbers and give them back their names, in fact, more than names, their identities." --

Raphael Guber

My son read the last newsletter after it had been mailed and told me there would be some confusion over my stated intentions; he was right. Everyone will continue to receive the newsletter. The only difference is that those with internet access will no longer receive a copy through the U. S. mail as they can easily print it out from their computer. However, if they have internet access and have been a contributor to the newsletter effort they will continue to receive one unless they instruct me otherwise. My statement re "contributors" only applied to those with internet access. The bottom line is that it will remain free to everyone and this continues to be very important to me.

Need help! My backlog of information that is intended to be printed in future newsletters is greatly reduced. Please remember that the success of this newsletter depends largely on the efforts of all those receiving it.

On the Internet I uploaded a **Table of Contents** for Newsletters 1 - 13. This was a reference I created for my own benefit in an effort to keep track of articles I have printed. It only lists the more significant items, but I thought some of you might also find it useful. If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy, please send me a SASE.

The Bakers

From Daniel Morgan via e-mail (dmorgan@nas.edu):
You ask in

<http://members.aol.com/GRONJ/news012.htm>

whether Sir George Baker, King George III's physician, qualifies as a "famous man." An ancestor of mine, Dr. William Saunders, was physician to George III's son the Prince Regent (later George IV). Dr.

Saunders collaborated with Sir George Baker in his 1767 discovery that an ailment then known as "Devonshire Colic" was in fact lead poisoning caused by the lead linings used in cider presses. Obscure as it sounds today, this discovery was in fact an important event in the history of medicine. Indeed, the *American Journal of Public Health* (editorial, May 1996) has suggested that it might be considered the beginning of the science of epidemiology.

I believe that Sir George Baker was also the first physician to attempt to treat the King's madness (really the disease porphyry) that was made famous by the 1994 movie "*The Madness of King George*."

Billy Ward (bward@lwcomm.com) sent me the following E-mail back in October:

"Ron, I don't know if you already have these or not but thought I'd try to send them in case you didn't. Lucy Enterkin was my daddy's mother's sister. Lewis gave me the info at the Baker reunion last month in Wiggins, MS. His brother John's grandson has more family members, but didn't have his book with him then. He said he would make me a copy and send it to me but I haven't seen it yet.

Lewis said his granddaddy (David S. Baker) was from North Carolina. He had not included him in the list he gave me so I called and asked who his grandparents were. He said there is some question as to what the "S" stood for. He also could not remember the first part of the church name where Marlon Cecil Baker was buried. Something Creek he said."

Descendants of David S. BAKER

FIRST GENERATION

1. David S. BAKER was born about 1850 in NC. He served in the military before 1865 in Confederate Army. He was discharged in 1864 or 1865 according to James Lewis Baker, his grandson. He died in 1922 in NC. He was buried in Raeford?, NC. James Lewis Baker (Grandson) is source of information but wasn't sure of the name of the cemetery. James Lewis said that his grandfather lived near Raleigh, NC just before they died.

He was married to Emma JACKSON before 1871 in

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North Carolina. Emma JACKSON was born in NC. She died in North Carolina. She was buried in Raeford?, NC. David S. BAKER and Emma JACKSON had the following children:

- +2 i. George Brantley BAKER
- +3 ii. John BAKER
- 4 iii. Charlie BAKER, b. NC; he d. in MS. Charlie was one of three brothers who moved to MS.

SECOND GENERATION

2. George Brantley BAKER was b. 20 Aug 1871; he d. 25 Dec 1940 in Wiggins, Stone Co., MS. He was buried about 28 Dec 1940 in Big Level Baptist Ch. Cem., Wiggins, Stone Co., MS. George was one of three brothers who moved to MS.

He was married to Lucinda Elizabeth "Lucy" ENTERKIN (daughter of Henry Thomas ENTERKIN and Lucindia Elizabeth Travis? BREWTON) on 1 Sep 1909. Lucinda Elizabeth "Lucy" ENTERKIN, b. 1 Oct 1886 McDavid, Escambia Co., FL; she d. 23 Apr 1949 Wiggins, Stone Co., MS. She was buried about 26 Apr 1949 in Big Level Baptist Ch. Cem., Wiggins, Stone Co., MS. George Brantley BAKER and Lucinda Elizabeth "Lucy" ENTERKIN had the following children:

- 5 i. Lula Bell "Cricket" BAKER
- 6 ii. George Dowling "Buddy" BAKER
- 7 iii. Cora Lee BAKER
- 8 iv. David Wilson BAKER, b. 5 May 1916; he d. 10 Apr 1917. He was buried about 13 Apr 1917 in Wool Market, Harrison Co., MS.
- 9 v. Carl Thomas BAKER
- 10 vi. James Lewis "Jim" BAKER
- 11 vii. Mildred Sarah "Mutt" BAKER
- 12 viii. Marton Cecil "MC" BAKER was b. 7 Oct 1921. He d. 30 Sep 1993. He was buried (NOT SURE OF CHURCH NAME) something Creek Ch. Hattisburg, Forrest Co., MS. He and Mutt were twins.
- 13 ix. Howard Brantley BAKER
- 14 x. Russell Leonard "Skeet" BAKER
- 15 xi. John Coolidge BAKER

3. John BAKER was born in NC; he died in MS. John was one of three brothers who moved to MS.

John BAKER had the following children:

- 16 i. Johnnie BAKER

Billy sent me additional generations not shown here. If anyone is interested, please contact Billy or myself.

E-mail from Dot Baker (DBaker3381@aol.com) dated 10 Aug 1997:

"I have family connections in Pike and Coffee Counties -- Bakers. I have a Book written by one of these family members. I will check this book for a listing on Starkes or

Murdock Baker.

What I do know about the Pike County Bakers, they are of my line and all seemed to be descended through Willoughby Baker, son of Jesse Baker who was born in Craven Co., NC.

An Uncle of Willoughby Baker died in LA. The only information I have on him is that he died on the Mississippi River. I have no idea when he died, how he died, who his spouse, if any, was nor any names of descendants. However, at the time my Baker clan moved into AL, it seems possibly uncles of James and Willoughby, as well as other cousins probably moved there too. I have members of the CHRISTMAS, SMITH, JONES, PRESCOTT, and COPELAND lines that I know of that turned up in AL and northern FL."

The Wards

Many of us have wondered whether any of our WARD relatives were killed at the infamous Ft. Mims massacre on August 30, 1813. I recently found a link at Barbara Prestridge's Baldwin County AlGenWeb page (since traded for Henry Co.) to this site:

<http://members.aol.com/canerossi/ftmims/index.htm>

There I found two lists, one of victims and the other of survivors. I found no WARD names or any of their allied names; no Bakers either. These lists were compiled by David P. Mason and excerpted from "*Ft. Mims and the Tensaw Settlement*" by Dess L. & Tom Sangster. The booklet is available at Coffeetable Publications, P. O. Box 884, Bay Minette, AL 36507. I did not see a price listed.

For a long time I have been curious as to the date of Otis Merritt Ward's paper, "*Looking Back on the Wards for the Last 100 Years*," with which so many of you are familiar. It was apparently undated, but I recently found out that I could not "see the forest for the trees." Within this paper there is the following paragraph:

"Meet me in St. Louis, Louie, Meet me at the Fair.' This would be in 1904. Ada, Jasper, and Lizzie took off to see the sights. That was 55 years ago, but I remember one of the things that Ada brought back for me. A typewriter that really worked. It was a round disk with all the letters of the alphabet on it in rubber. The letters were so arranged that the letter on top was superimposed on the bottom. It passed over an inking pad and was so arranged that you could select a letter, turn the disk and press it through a slot and keep the letters in line. I enjoyed it and if I forgot to thank you then, thank you Ada! It was a lovely present."

The date was there all of the time - ca 1959. Why was I so interested in that date? Because I thought it was written prior to or during the period of time so many WARD families were trying to find their Creek

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ancestors. It was, and I find it very interesting that there is no mention of any Indian connections. Otis had a very open quality about his writing and it is my thinking that he would have mentioned such if he had knowledge of it.

I found the date of Otis' paper while scanning it for Jimmy Mayes and editing out the errors in translation. Jimmy is a WARD cousin who recently found me living right here in his own back yard. Jimmy has lived in Richardson, TX as long as I have, 1966, and our children attended the same high school. Jimmy is the son of Edith Cruit Mayes and grandson of Ada Ward Cruit who wrote the following paper that Jimmy sent me. Edith was the lady I finally gave credit, in a newsletter, for the portrait I used on the last page of my book. At the time the book was printed, the artist was unknown to me. That painting, still one of my favorites, was of the homestead of Ada's parents Elijah and Catherine Merritt WARD.

**Big Mama's [Ada Ward Cruit] talk to Bo Ward
(Jasper's grandson) 1960s?**

"Let me say in the beginning I'm not the type who lives in the past. I thank the Lord every morning for a new day - then try to fill it with worthwhile things. That doesn't mean that the years which come and go haven't left their joys and sorrows - but I stay busy with everyday affairs. I have a brother, the youngest Otis - who has spent hours upon hours delving into family history - he was not content to tape hearsay but went after the facts - So the historical facts will come from his articles - My mother Catherine Merritt was born April 15 - 1856 - her father Benjamin Merritt was a wealthy farmer and slave owner - she said he talked very little - so they knew nothing of his past or where he came from. He owned large tracts of land and plantations at Burnt Corn near the town of Brewton Ala - He had close to 300 slaves - When the L & N R. R. right away was being cut from Montgomery to N. O. Grandfather Merritt had 50 slaves hired to a contractor for 50 day. The contractor was responsible for their food & clothing & safe return to owner - Mother was so happy when the slaves were freed & she told us on that eventful morning Grandfather Merritt walked out to the slave quarters and saw what had happened. All the farm implements, mules & horses were gone. What they could not take with them - bales of cotton, corn & farm tools they dumped into the river - They drove large numbers of sheep over the high bank & let them drown - Mother said grandfather came back to the home and called grandmother - saying Susan we are ruined and so they were.

I doubt Bo that you have ever seen a Confederate ball - Mother told us there was a trunk filled with them, mostly 1000 - Grandfather Merritt was too old to go to war, but he turned in all his gold for Confederate currency - Grandmother Merritt was a precious little person - she spent her last years with us - I can see her now sitting out in our back yard in her own rocker smoking a corn cob pipe, baking potatoes in a dutch oven. My they were good eating - some times she did biscuits.

My dad's father Celestine Ward was a private in Company D - 3rd Battalion Fla - Cavalry Confederate States of

America - UDC Records Washington & Richmond Va. He moved from Walton County Fla, to Escambia Co. Fla in 1865 - My dad was born 1855 Mother 1858 - They married July 3 1874. The first child Elizabeth came along in 1875 - then a boy - your granddad - so girl & boy all down the line until there were 8 of us - I was the 5th one. All of us were born without the benefit of a Dr. - Aunt Saran Nichols and Aunt Betty Ward delivered us - Now that we made it here by the Grace of God and a strong self trained midwife - I'm going to conclude this about our family.

My dad homesteaded many acres of free land covered with virgin trees, so he put in a sawmill - built a big dam to hold the water that came from a small creek - of course the mill was operated by big paddle wheels that were turned by the water flow - no electricity in those days - to bring the logs in there were huge 2 wheels log trucks, drawn by a team of oxen - also there were men who sawed logs then others who operated the saw mill - I don't recall how many of these lived at our house, Mother also boarded the school teacher - 10.00 a month then there was always extras, they would stop by for the night and keep staying - Can you imagine - getting a big evening meal - then a breakfast of sausage or ham - home ground grits, pans and pans of hot biscuits - bought flour by the barrel - scrambled eggs and pear preserves and of course home churned butter - then there were lunches to pack for teachers, we who were in school and those ox drivers and tree sawers - Don't ask how mother did I don't know - This I do know there was always a white linen table cloth with napkins, no oil cloth - Otis says the food that was cooked in our kitchen, if placed on one long table would almost reach to California - Yes there was plenty of delicious food - milk & butter that came from about 8 cows some giving a great of milk, others little dibbers(?) - The calves were allowed to have the first few drops then with a rope around their neck were yanked away and mother got the milk - to make the butter, when the cream came to the top and the milk clabbered it was put into a big churn with a stick dasher which was lifted up and down until the cream made butter - my it was good on hot biscuits -

Here is a little tale again from Otis' article - about your granddad. There was a black man named Ky who worked on the place - Jasper would have nothing to do with him. One day he (Jasper) wanted to go some place with dad - He said no, not now - he was about 3 years old, he had on a shirt made of strong cloth that came to his ankles, without benefit of any underwear - He climbed upon the picket fence trying to follow dad, slipped and hung by the tail of his shirt - He yelled but mother did not hear him, but old Ky did and gently removed him from the picket, after that they were the best of friends - One day Otis went hunting and stepped over a log onto a skunk - He sprayed Otis with his perfume. It was cold, I stepped into the warm kitchen, that was as far as he got. Mother made him go into one of the out houses and take off his clothes - while mother fixed a washtub with warm water and octagon soap - he had to bury his clothes in the corn field - Our house was fitted up with a parlor - it holds lots of memories - If the old red sofa could have talked - I wonder what it would have said, of course this room was never used, only for company or when the boys came courting - The white lace curtains - marble top table - comfortable rockers - The piano with sheet music - one I can well remember, I'll see you in

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St. Louis Louie I'll see you at the fair - Of course those were the days before auto. Dad had a matched pair of horses a tassel top carriage so on special days we dressed in our best and went out in style - or so we thought -

We lived in a small community - the church was the center - here on special occasions dinner was spread under the trees on a long table - friends and families gathered around for feasting and talking - We cooked for days getting ready - Mother chicken pie was famous, so was her chicken & dumplings -

As to social conditions in those days - We had good schools our teachers among the best. Three from our family attended college, your granddad one of them - They were good years - not all perfect by any means - but neither are they today - Uncle Robert and I were married in 1907 - Those were hard years, we both worked hard - when the depression came we were left almost penniless - Tho we were deprived of many things like sugar and other commodities we never went hungry - tho many did, I saw so many sad faces - I said how happy I would be to see people smile again. Uncle Robert was in the real estate business and some way managed to get quite a bit of property on hand - I remember many nights as he rolled and tossed trying to find some way to meet that 100, note next day - I was so happy he saw Atmore come back in a business way - There was little social life here in my early married life, a game of cards here and there but I never played, anyway I was so busy trying to help make a living - I'm poor one to say anything about social life today - I think most people go their own way - the little I can observe, it seems that women are taking up more of men's occupations - smoking cigarettes along with the men - I'm not for women's lib, I think the business world is for men - I also think that he should be the head of the house - not to domineer - but to love and cherish and hold the _____ high - may I say - those were the good years - I don't regret them you say! no electricity - no running water - no air conditioning - no T. V. how can you say good old days - Well I'll say this what you don't know - doesn't bother you - we loved and enjoyed the open fire, sitting around and listening as the elders talked - popping corn or roasting peanuts on the hot coals in winter, then the warm or hot nights in summer, gathered on the porch listening to the whippoorwills, catching(?) the fire flies, wondering how the moon hung up there, some of the group telling a tall scary tale, until we'd slip off to bed hoping that we'd make it before the goblins got us."

Janice Ward sent me a number of Escambia Co., FL marriage records and among them there was one for Elijah WARD & Catherine MERRITT. They were married 3 July 1874 at Bratt, Escambia Co., FL; Book 1, page 59. Janice is temporarily living in Baltimore, MD where she will undergo corrective surgery. It has been delayed once and is now scheduled for 30 Sep 1997. Please join me in wishing Janice a very speedy and successful recovery.

How is this for an old Deep South recipe? And it even comes with a story! From more of J. W. and Cary WARD's conversation with Jesse Turner. It was

sent to me by Cary (sisi5@juno.com):

Jesse stated that George Pippins married the oldest daughter of Elijah and Catherine (spelling ?). He probably was mistaken and meant William and Catherine's daughter. He believes that this daughter is also buried at the Rocky Bayou Cemetery. (Note: The correct name of the cemetery is Rocky Memorial Cemetery not Rocky Bayou Cemetery. The epitaph of their tombstones reads: George W. Pippins, June 13, 1860, July 9, 1924 and Cathren Pippins, April 20, 1860, January 16, 1942).

[Editor's note: It was William & Catherine WARD's oldest daughter Sarah that married Griffin L. PIPPINS; their son George PIPPINS married Catherine SENTERFITT.]

Elijah and Sarah Ward's son, Celestine, came to Crestview, FL and settled. He was Jesse Turner's mother's first cousin. Jesse remembers Celestine coming to Crestview to visit his mother, Amelia. He also said he remembers George Pippins and Cathren visiting his mother. When they came up from the Bay Country in the south, they usually brought along a wooden tub of salted mullet and drove a wagon pulled by a pair of black mules. The salted mullet was soaked overnight and fried for breakfast the next day. The fish were served with grits. Jesse also said that salted mullet roe was considered a delicacy.

Jesse Turner related some of his boyhood experiences:

.....After farming all summer and the crops were "laid-by" around early July, family members would load up several wagons with tents, food, and bedding and head for the Bay Country below Niceville, FL. They would camp here for several days. Often the dog flies were so bad that the mules or horses would go "mad" and run away to escape them. To protect the animals, blankets were made from "corn sacks" and draped over the animals. The party would feast on the fish they caught. In the Fall of the year the family usually went back to the same area to camp and hunt. Deer and turkey were plentiful in this area. Jesse said that the last hunting trip that he remembers was after he was a grown man. On that trip his party killed 6 turkeys and 2 deer. On another occasion the family camped on Sardine Lake in the Bay Country. The lake was adjacent to the bay and was fed with two small fresh water streams, one on each side of the lake. On a full moon in May the sardines would enter the lake to spawn. Dip nets were used to scoop them up by the buckets full. Jesse remembers that two tents were used on these camping trips; one for the men and one for the ladies. The females used folding box springs to spread their bedding on while the men raked up leaves for their beds. For drinking and cooking water they rigged up an old pitcher pump with a short piece of pipe and a strainer. The pipe and strainer were worked down into the sand near the beach until they reached the water table. They used this setup for a number of years.

[Editor's note: I have some not so fond memories of the Florida dog flies!]

More of what Jesse Turner had to say about the WARD family. From Cary Ward of Cantonment, FL

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who located a copy of letter written by Jesse Turner on 7 March 1988 and addressed to his brother J. W. Ward in El Paso, TX. The letter reads as follows:

"Looking through family history records - I found in the military records where Elijah Ward served 8 months, 1837 - 1838, First Florida Militia and was granted 80 acres of bounty land for serving in the Creek War of West Florida, and a statement from John B. Meigs, attached, that he was the same Elijah Ward that applied for the land. If you would like to have the record, I'll have a copy made for my records, then send you the original. I got this from National Archives and Record Service, General Service Administration, 20 years ago, forgot about it. Thanks for the pictures, you are a good photographer to get a good picture when the subject was a WW I soldier 93 years old and ugly - though Dorothy and pretty trees contributed the principal attraction for show.

Enjoyed having you folks visit with us. Just sorry I could not show you more of the family history than were able to find.

If you look at census records Walton County, Fla. from 1840, 50, 60, 70, you will find Wards, Steels, Nichols, Turner, Clary, being as neighbors until some of them moved to Escambia Co.

I remember my father telling this story. People made shoes by hand. Elijah Ward was on his way to help a neighbor make shoes. He had an awl in his hand (like an icepick). He met a bad dog in road, when the dog attacked Elijah, he stabbed him in the nose with the awl and killed the "dog."

*With kindest regards,
J. S. Turner."*

For a 93 year old man, this was an interesting letter. Will be happy to mail you a copy of this letter if it would be of interest to you. Regards, Cary Ward.

The above lore re the awl was some of the first lore I heard re the WARD family, but I never was able to determine the source of the lore and have been reluctant to use it.

Just before the last newsletter was mailed I received another E-mail from Doris Padgett (dtpadg@cyberview.net) re Gabriella Ward MEIG's grave site:

"You will remember our talk about the Creek Burial house' on Gabriella Ward Meig's grave at Crowder Chapel Cem....and the interview with Uncle Jess that spoke of how and why it was built but didn't mention it being Creek. The other day I had e-mail with James Palmer (Turners) whom you put in touch with me (and I thank you) about the Creek Burial practice. I suddenly remembered that at a local book store there is an employee known as Chief David. His father was Chief of a Creek clan in OK and he had lots of things of his parents including his father's large, long headdress, blanket and shawls and things of his mother's. He goes to local schools

and talks to them about his tribe of Indians when the kids are studying such. I'd had conversation with him before about our both being Creeks--his mother was of the Bear clan if I remember and the wife of William McIntosh was of the Wind Clan, a very powerful clan. Anyhow, I ran in to Chief David today and asked him about the burial 'house'. He said it is a Creek custom still in use today. Is it possible that maybe Gabriella Ann Ward did have some Creek blood, after all?"

My thinking remains unchanged. If it is indeed a traditional Creek grave structure, and I cannot dispute this, the family apparently did not bury her as an Indian. The structure, according to Jesse, was built later by "old man Julius Alton" to keep the rain off of Gabriella's grave. Maybe Mr. Alton, or someone within the family, borrowed the idea from the tradition of the Creek Indians.

From Gail Vickrey (SGVICK@aol.com). This would seem to be the brother of Daniel Ward of Fish River in what is now Baldwin Co., AL; these brothers were originally from Charleston, SC :

"New Orleans Sacremental Records - Vol. 3 P 301 - Benjamin Ward (Juan & Sara Child), native of SC in Am., abjured his Anglican religion & made proof of faith, m. Eliza (Fenclon?), Aug. 30, 1780, wit: Rafael Perdomo, Juan Bautista Duforet, Klark. (SLC, M4, 89)"

From Deborah Biesbroek who is trying to sort out the WARDs of the Edgefield District of SC in hopes of determining the father of David WARD of Henry Co., AL and later Walton Co., FL:

From the will of Frederick WARD of Edgefield, written 20 Sep 1803, proven 7 Dec 1810: wife: Mary Ward; daughter Edy Baker, son James Ward, daughter Lucinda Ward, son Samuel Stone Ward, dau. Maryann Ward, son Frederick, also, "the child with which my wife is now pregnant"; directs that his blacksmith's tools be sold and money given to son James for one year board and schooling, with balance equally divided among children. Lists brother-in-law John Ross as Executor. James Ward became qualified the 7th day of Dec 1810 as an Executor to within. Left a large estate. No David Ward listed.

From Celia Jones (seesawj@hotmail.com) the following-E-mail dated 20 Dec 1996:

"Looking for info on David Ward living Santa Rosa Co., FL 1850 with wife Susan Jones Ward, daughter of Allen Jones (son of Henry Jones of Barbour Co) & Mary Jane Moody Jones m. Ft. Meigs (Montgomery) AL. David m Emily Carter Jones 2nd also daughter of Allen Jones. His son, my gf, Leander Burke Ward m Maggie Mitchell, daughter of Andrew Jackson Mitchell (son of William Mitchell) David Ward was a Justice of the Peace. He was

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in an AL Vol. Regt. in Civil War in 1870 was temp. living Dale Co., AL near a brother-in-law who was a Henderson. Later returned to Milton, Santa Rosa Co., FL. My Mother, Winnie Ann Ward m Joe T. Barnhill (Augustus, Owen, John Jason "Jackson" Barnhill). She had brothers William Burke Ward & Carl Carlton Ward. Sister Robin Ruth Ward m. J.G. Whitfield. Have list of David's children not with me. One Brother John was murdered. His middle initial is "A" I believe from Civil War Bible I have. Burial place unknown. Leander, wife & ch. bur. Milton Cemetery, Santa Rosa. Please put me on your newsletter mailing list. Have other West FL & Walton Co. Ward info also more on other West FL families. Genealogy Local History Librarian Volusia County Library Center, City Island, Daytona Beach, FL 32014. Work Ph.904/257-6037."

The Civil War in the Deep South

In June I received a phone call from Mark Lowe who acknowledged that he was the one responsible for ordering and placing the new service marker on the grave of James Melvin WARD at Pine Barren Cemetery. He said he realized that an error had been made, but that he has not had the opportunity to correct it.

Mark is now of the opinion that this James WARD was the man who fought in the 11th Florida Infantry, Co. A as suggested in "Biographical Rosters of Florida's Union and Confederate Soldiers." I do not agree! Repeating this excerpt, found in the last issue of the newsletter, the James M. WARD (1821 - 1890) buried at Pine Barren Cemetery in Escambia Co., FL: "does not appear on any rolls, but claimed to be a member of Co. A, 11th FL Infantry." It does not make it clear whether he claimed it or someone stated it for him. The endnote cites the Florida WPA Grave Registration.

Also as stated in the last newsletter, there was a James M. WARD who served in the 11th Florida Infantry Co. C who, according to "Biographical Rosters.....," was the same James Ward who joined the 1st Florida Union Cavalry. I ordered the CSA service records in hopes that it would clear things up, but I think the bottom line is that it will remain inconclusive. I only received two Company Muster Rolls for "J. M. Ward;" one for the period 28 Feb 1863 to 30 Jun 1863 in Capt. Curry's Independent Co., Fla. Inf. and the other Nov & Dec 1863 in 4th Batt'n, Co. A, Fla. Inf.; both indicated he was present. According to a footnote on these Rolls, both of these companies became Co. C 11th Fla. Inf. Regt. The only personal data on these Rolls was that he enlisted 29 Jan 1863 at Westbay.

From these military records, I do not know how "Biographical Rosters.....," connected these two WARDs, but it does not seem likely to me that there were two James M. WARDs in this regiment; it is possible. That the CSA records indicate no service after 1863 would further suggest that he did indeed desert and could well have joined the Union army like so many others.

Ralph Odell Ward and I compared notes on "Ward's Raiders" prior to the last newsletter being published. The following excerpt from a letter dated 12 Dec 1996:

"I now agree with you, my Great, Great Uncle, James Madison Ward was not the infamous Jim Ward of the Ward's Raiders. I'm sending you copies of the story of Jim Ward from 'Pea River Reflections' by Marion Bailey Brunson, and 'Coffee Grounds' by Fred S. Watson, and 'Winds of Sorrow' by Fred S. Watson.

I also have the military record of John B. Ward that I will send you, I do not believe he was 'Speckled John.' He was too young to be a man of means and pay someone to take his place in the War, besides he enlisted in the 1st Fla. Cav. which was a Union organization. I will send all of these papers to you within a few days."

According to the military records, John B. WARD was b. 1845 AL and is buried in Sandy Creek Cemetery in Ponce de Leon, Holmes Co., FL. He enlisted 25 Jan 1864 at Ft. Barrancas and was present or accounted for until he mustered out at Tallahassee, FL 17 Nov 1865. I am in agreement with Odell that this man probably is not "Speckled John Ward."

In December, Raymond M. Ward of DeFuniak Springs, FL sent me the following E-mail excerpt (WardWCI@aol.com):

"I have a copy of Benjamin Franklin's [WARD] pension. The Comptroller received a anonymous letter in approx. 1891, stating, he had deserted, along with brothers, Diamond Joe and James Madison, the 53rd Alabama Partisan Rangers. I have copies of letters written to the Comptroller where he was trying to get pension started again. Benjamin died June 23, 1923 in Holmes County, buried at Otter Creek Church, north of Ponce De Leon."

Rest in Peace

Mark Curenton sent me the following obit taken from the Okaloosa County Citizen Review, dated May 29 1997:

Jeff Ward, 84, of Crestview, passed away May 20, 1997 at his home. Born in Lapine, Alabama, he had been a resident of Okaloosa County since 1932. He was a carpenter by trade.

He is survived by his wife: Maggie Ward of Crestview; his son: Jeff L. Ward of Baker; two daughters: Jennie Hutto of Crestview and Margie Medina of Oxnard, California; one brother: Ira Ward of Baker; two sisters: Clodine Price of Elberta, Alabama and Lillie Faulk of Crestview; nineteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and seven great great grandchildren.

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Funeral services were conducted May 23 at McLaughlin - Aultman Chapel with Reverend Larry Batson officiating. Burial followed in Milligan Cemetery under the direction of McLaughlin-Aultman Funeral Home.

Lapine, AL is on the southern edge of Montgomery County and I do not know that Jeff was related to the older WARD factions of Walton Co., FL.

Otmer Horn of Cantonment, FL & Billy Ward of Molino, FL both sent me the following obit:

Leon L. Ward, 74 of Pensacola died Friday, May 9, 1997. He was born on Feb. 4, 1923 in Pine Barren and had been a lifelong resident of Pensacola. He was a member of the Brentwood Masonic Lodge and of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Ward is survived a daughter, Sparkle Lynn Houston of Oxford, Mich.; a son, Shannon M. Ward of Pensacola; brothers Dewain Ward and Billy Ward, both of Pensacola; sister-in-law, Sybil Ward of Pensacola; and four grandchildren.

Leon was the son of Ora M. WARD & Earnisteen TUCKER, grandson of Emanuel WARD & Emma ADKISSON, & great grandson of Celestine J. WARD & Bettie MAJORS.

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E-mail from Linda Dixon (lindi316@aol.com) of Scottsdale, AZ:

"I just wanted to let you know that the Ward family has another edition. My first grandchild was born April 25, 1997 to Jeffrey Ward Duffill and Stephanie Edwards Duffill. It was a boy named Jacob Steven Duffill. This is the great-great grandchild of Smiley and Lena Ward. By the way Lena just celebrated her 99th birthday in Pensacola."

Smiley was the son of Henry Harrison (Wardy) WARD & Josephine (Phennie) KELLY, grandson of Celestine WARD & Catherine BAKER, & great grandson of both Elijah W. WARD and Starkes BAKER.

In a recent phone conversation with Alberta Taylor of Pensacola, FL she told me about the arrival of her great granddaughter Katherine Taylor, the newest descendant of Starkes BAKER. She was born 20 May 1997 in Pensacola; she was 18" long and weighed 4 lbs. 12 ozs. Alberta was hoping that the baby would be named after her mother, Cathron Baker Williams, with the same spelling. Born premature and with an intestinal blockage, she has already spent considerable time in the hospital. I know Alberta's granddaughter has at least two "little guardian angels" watching over her, but let's all remember her in our prayers.



Many of you know this long time WARD researcher and her brother, a few are closely related. Can you identify them? Answer in the next newsletter.

FTM who sells one of the more popular genealogy software packages now has a Internet search engine that seems to be very good. Every name in my entire website is indexed! I did not register my website with FTM, but maybe someone registered it for me. A very good reason to send me material for publication. That URL:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/ifftop.html>

Additions & changes to the mailing list:

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With thanks and appreciation:

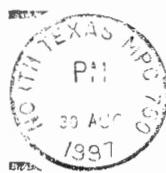
To Jimmy Mayes of Richardson, TX, Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL, and Mary Rouse of Lucedale, MS for their support of the newsletter effort.

To Jimmy for sharing Ada's paper with all of us and to all who contributed material for this newsletter.

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It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

Antoine De Saint-Exupery

I am very proud to announce the arrival of our fourth grandchild, William Tidwell Jones; our first "Jones" and the newest descendant of Starkes BAKER & Elijah W. WARD. Will is the son of Eric & Shelly Jones and was born 24 July 1998 at Dallas, TX; he was 6 weeks premature, but still weighed in at 5 lbs. 14 ozs. & was 18" long.

The Baker Family

From Jim Thompson of Austin, TX:
[\(thompson@PHYSICS.UTEXAS.EDU\)](mailto:(thompson@PHYSICS.UTEXAS.EDU))

The following is a copy of a tintype photo of Julia Bostick BAKER, wife of George W. BAKER of Emille, TX. George was the youngest son of Starkes.



From Jeanette Henderson (Jhender245@aol.com) of Baker, FL:

Hi Ron! Could not let this event happen without letting you know about it. I will never feel that your interest in how Baker got its name was just by chance. You see I strongly feel that God guides us in preserving the past and we were led by the naming of Baker.

A descendant of Rev John Newton and Rev Baker, Maggie Newton Goforth, will be at the Baker Block Museum, May 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We are inviting all historians who would like to meet her to be with us. She is bringing info to give to the Museum on both Newton and Baker families. Maggie lives in San Antonio, TX. She heard about our efforts through her daughter in Pensacola who met a friend of the Museum from Milton. We are excited!!!!

Ron, if you have not met her I will be glad to share whatever you would like me to as a way of introduction. I thought you might be excited for us also.

The Museum is growing. We are very busy. We are collecting early history and genealogy and have a fair amount of both.

Haven't forgotten the Nichols feud and Bethel Cem. info. Will send shortly. If I don't, bug me please.

I hope its O.K. for me to put your newsletters in the Museum. They are informative and are used. Mark Curenton and Dr. Rucker have really been friends in our efforts. They are super guys.

Still enjoy your newsletters myself. Will try to remember to send you something to help with postage soon also. Take care, Jeaentte Henderson

Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL is a descendant of Moses BAKER and we had compared notes briefly a few years back. Betty, who is also a descendant of Elijah W. WARD, recently very graciously loaned me her copy of "A Genealogical Record of the Moses Baker Family" by Dorothy Merrifield, published 1979. It is very well done, but I could not find any connections to Tennessee where Starkes BAKER joined the Army in 1814. Many of Moses' family relocated to Kentucky. What was surprising was that Moses BAKER was from Bertie Co., NC where, as reported in these newsletters, I had researched a lineage of BAKERs. In the introduction to her book, Dorothy alludes to these other BAKER, but states that she had found no connections. I found nothing myself that looked like a

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link to these other BAKERs or to Starkes BAKER. If anyone is interested in this lineage please let me know.

From Lomax Baker (lomaxb@hotmail.com):

"According to my Recollection"
Composition dated May 10, 1938

Dictated by Mary Isabell Baker Barker and written by
her son-in-law C. B. Murdock



I shall endeavor to relate here a part of my life and that of my father, Mr. Abner Baker.

He, my father, was loved and reared in South Carolina in 1812. He became a Methodist preacher in early manhood and was sent to Alabama as a missionary to the Indians in his early twenties. He went about preaching and teaching the Indians and he helped to drive the Indians out of the country. Some time while he was yet a young man, I do not know at what age, a young girl appears on the scene who is to become the wife of the Mr. Abner Baker. This girl's name was Margaret Vaughn who moved with her parents from Virginia. Mr. Baker and Miss Margaret Vaughn were married. Some time shortly after this couple were married the Indians became so hostile that the settlers saw fit to build a fort for their protection, so under the leadership of Mr. Baker, a strong fort was built and a colony established at what is known as Vaughnville being named for Margaret Vaughn's father.

During the Indian wars that followed, the settlers suffered many hardships, always living in danger of being attacked by the Indians. Some time after the Indians were all driven out a party of the Vaughnville settlers who all owned cattle went on a roundup trip through a section of west Florida to get up cattle for market, but were warned before leaving by Grandfather Vaughn not to come back through Big Swamp, telling them that if there were any Indians left in the country they were in this swamp as it was a very dense forest and a good hiding place for hostile Indians. So on their way back to Vaughnville this

party whose names were John McQuagge, John Anderson a brother-in-law of Mrs. Baker, Mike Vaughn her brother, a Mr. McCaskell and a Mr. McLair decided they would attempt to come back through this big swamp since it was nearer and they did not find any Indian tracks but, to their surprise, they had not gone far before they heard the war whoop of Indians just as they had built a camp fire and began to prepare to lie down to sleep for the night. So in the bloody fight with the Indians that took place the whole party was killed except one, this being Mr. McQuagge. He somehow escaped and made his way back to Vaughnville and told what had happened. Mr. McQuagge was a cripple man, his toes all having been burned off in childhood, but in spite of this handicap he was able to escape.

During these encounters with the Indians as I said before the settlers endured much hardship. At one time a whole family by the name of Byrd were killed by the Indians except one girl who was knocked down, scalped, and left to die by the Indians; but, fortunately her wounds did not prove fatal and after the Indians were gone she pulled her little infant sister out of the fire where she had been left by the Indians to bake to death but she was already burned too badly to live. This girl grew up and married a man named George Marlowe. Also during some of the Indian raids a little Indian girl was captured on Flat Creek above where the town of Samson is now located. This girl was adopted and reared by a settler named Mason and the little Indian girl was given the name of Jane Mason. This Indian maiden grew up and married a Negro man named Demp Ray who kept the Ray ferry across Pea river just above Samson.

(Part II to be continued in the next newsletter)

From fseeno@ecis.com (LTSeeno):

Very impressed with your page. I have a dead end on my Baker family history. Have traced back to Robert Terry BAKER b. 1840, d. 26 Apr 1919 and his wife Zelpha Ellen ALFORD b. 1 Jul 1847, d. 1934. They raised a family and died in the Sonora, TX area. They were m. in MS, possibly. Their children, all born in TX were: James Claude (my line), Joseph Henry, Berry, Robert Terry Jr., Phillip, Sterling Price, Leona, & Zadie.

Johnie Johnson (johniemac1@aol.com) of McDavid, FL recently sent me some information on her BAKERs. Her husband Herman is a descendant of Starkes BAKER. The following information was found in her Grandmother's (Fannie Mariah Brown) sister's (Katie ENTERKIN) bible. It was recorded by Katie's son Emmorie and his wife Ada Dell. This family was from NC (Raleigh?). This information ties into and adds to that information furnished by Billy Ward of Molino, FL (Billy@erec.net) and found in Newsletter #14.

David Solomon BAKER, b. 3 Mar 1838; d. 6 May 1916.

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He m. Emma JACKSON, b. 6 Feb 1838; d. 9 May 1917.

Children:

1. James David, b. 10 Apr 1864; d. 1950.
2. Isaiah, b. 31 May 1868; d. 1868.
3. Polly, b. 31 May 1868; d. 1903.
4. John Andrew, 25 Feb 1870; d. 30 Jan 1959.
5. George, b. 20 Aug 1871; d. 28 Dec 1940.
6. Neal Alec, b. 9 Aug 1873.
7. Fannie Mariah, b. 30 May 1876; d. 27 Mar 1960.
She m. John Manuel BROWN.
8. Charles Walter, b. 29 Sep 1878; d. 30 Jan 1925.
9. Catherine (Katie) Ann, 5 Nov 1880; d. 1 Jul 1964.
She m. Taylor ENTERKIN.

From Candy Baker (candy@vmicro.com) of Murrieta, CA:

Hi, I am a Baker and am doing research looking for information on my family BAKER. One in particular is Doctor Simmons Jones Baker.

Members of my family names all end in Baker as follows: James Augustus, b. 8-1-1826 in Perquimans Co., NC, Andrew, b. 12-25-1848 in Albemarle Sound, Perquimans Co., NC; d. 11-25-1928 in Stanton, CA, Timothy, William Edward, James Henry, Mary Isabella, George Walter, Joseph Benjamin, Warren, Ira Ellis, Vernon Warren, & Lucile Elizabeth.

If you feel you can help me you may e-mail me.

The Ward Family

More of the Jesse Turner interview from Cary Ward (sisi5@juno.com) of Cantonment, FL:

The Ward Mill Creek located east of Crestview was named for two brothers who started a gristmill there. One, a bachelor, moved in with the other brother who was married. There is no sign of the old mill now.

[Editor's note: These were the sons of William Marion WARD, Alexander D. & Joseph E.]

The origin of "Ward Bay" has been lost in history.

The following was stated by Jesse: Euchee Valley (sp?) is located east of DeFuniak Springs, Fla. Eucheeana (spelling?), the community, was the county seat of Walton County at one time. The old courthouse was burned in the first part of 1880. Euchee Valley was an old Scottish settlement. There is an old cemetery there and likely has members of the Ward family buried there. There were some Wards living at Bruce (sp?) which is nearby. J. J. Ward and his brothers living in that area were descended from our ancestors. Benjamin and Elijah were brothers. They descended from Benjamin (I assume that Jesse meant J. J. Ward and his brothers) and "we" descended from Elijah. Daniel was a brother of Elijah and Benjamin. They came from North and South Carolina and moved into the Bon Secour Bay country. Moses Ward was very dark, likely getting his

characteristics from his Indian ancestors. He was forced to move from Mississippi because his skin was so dark, and believed to be of Negro blood. He was not allowed to attend the white school.

[Editor's note: Elijah W. WARD of Walton Co., FL was not a brother to Benjamin & Daniel and probably not even related. Most of the WARDS living near Bruce, FL were descendants of James B. WARD of Dale Co., AL. I am of the opinion that "Moses Ward" was actually Moses CHILDRESS and that there has been confusion in this story as it was passed down.]

No official written record has ever been found to show a direct descendancy from Nahoga (Nancy) Knight. The records only go back to her children according to Jesse. He does not have any idea where she is buried. He is of the opinion that Nancy Knight came from South Carolina. John Ward was driving a herd of cattle through South Carolina and was headed southward. The cattle drivers camped one night near an Indian Settlement and while there, John Ward met Nancy Knight. He fell in love with her and they were married. They had several children born in South Carolina (One can only wonder what happened to the cattle and the other drivers).

[Editor's note: I still have seen no evidence to support this cattle drive lore and my research disputes the claim that Nahoga was married to the John WARD of Bon Secour. The only record of John WARD's wife shows her name as Elizabeth KNIGHT (Spanish Catholic baptism records of Mobile).]

In the 1790s, John and Nancy moved into the Bon Secour Bay area and other children were born to them there. In about 1803, due to the pressure of British troops in the area (this was prior to the War of 1812) the Wards began to spread out away from the coastal area. Elijah went north to Jackson, AL and then on up to the Grove Hill, AL area. At Grove Hill, Elijah worked for old man William Cochran (sp?), a Revolutionary War veteran. William Cochran was a missionary for the Indians. He, William, also served on the Orphan's Court at Grove Hill (whatever that was). William Cochran had a daughter named Sarah, who Elijah fell in love with and married. A Notary Public by the name of Taylor married them. The bride's father, William Cochran, gave her and Elijah a herd of cattle as a wedding gift to get them started off well in their marriage. William Cochran also had a son named Cheedle (sp?).

[Editor's note: In my research I have found nothing that I consider proof that John WARD of Bon Secour was the father of Elijah W. WARD of Walton Co., FL. John WARD's son named Elijah b. 1810; Elijah W. b. ca 1779.]

Jesse Turner stated that William Cochran stated in his Will that he had already given his daughter, Sarah Ward, her share of the cattle. Elijah and Sarah drove the herd of cattle cross-country into Ward's Basin. [now Santa Rosa Co.] This basin is located east of the Blackwater River as you cross the Interstate Highway I-10 bridge over the river. Elijah and Sarah Ward settled in Ward's Basin on the land

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they bought from the Spanish Grant authorities. Jesse said that the record of this land sale is in the archives in Mobile, AL.

Cheedle Cochran and a light-colored slave started out for Crestview to buy a herd of cattle. Cheedle had a bankroll of some \$800.00 on his person, a sizable sum in that day. They camped at a place called "Chicken Head", a branch that comes up in the bend of the L & N Railroad track east of Harold, Florida (between Harold and Holt). Both Cheedle and the slave were riding horses. The men and horses disappeared from the campsite. A search revealed the body of Cheedle when a dog began to bay. Cheedle's body had been thrown into a swampy area nearby. A piece of "fat lightered" stump had been broken off a stump near the campsite and pulled from the ground. This "club" was used to knock Cheedle in the head. The searching party found the weapon and replaced it in its original position on the stump and found that it fit perfectly. Hair and blood was still adhering to the club. The horses and the slave were never seen again. Although the crime was never solved, the local people always believed that old man Jim Chance had committed the murder. Jesse said that Jim Chance had recently come into the area to settle. He came down from Cockerel (spelling?) which is located "up on the edge of Alabama." Jesse stated that this was the story that had been passed down to him by older members of the family. Cheedle's wife remarried after his death. She married a man named Broxton and they lived in the Milton area. She and Cheedle had a daughter, but Jesse could not remember how many children she had by Broxton.

[Editor's note: This may sound like nit-picking, but for the sake of accuracy, the town of Crestview was created long after Cheedle COCHRAN was killed.]

Jesse said he had traced the Turner family back to 1700 in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Postscript: Celestine and Catherine Baker had a son that was called "Wardie" Ward. Wardie was the father of Horace Ward who lived at Walnut Hill, FL. Horace and his wife are now deceased.

[Editor's note: Wardie was Henry Harrison WARD, raised from birth by Henry & Nelly BAKER.]

From Jinx Dopson (dopson@bellsouth.net) of Pensacola, FL:

Hi Ron, Enjoyed reading your work. I lived on 9th & Chase, went to EJW also. I remember the fish market as if it was yesterday; my Mother use to shop there.

I too am a WARD descendant. I also remember the Nix Family. I still live in Pensacola, as do a lot of my kinfolk. I also have kin in Walton Co. My grandparents were Michael and Mary Alice (Glenn) WARD. Their dau. Lizzie Ward Nall is my grandmother. My name is Edith LaVerne (Jinx) Nall Dopson and I spend a lot of time in Walton Co. digging up info.

William Michael "Mike" Ward, b. 6/30/1859; d.

2/02/1943. He m. Mary Alice (Twin) Glenn, b. 5/17/1862 in Coffeeville, Clark Co., AL; d. 9/19/1949 in Monroe Co., AL.

Children:

- i Robert Ward. He m. Ella Smith.
- ii James "Jim" Ward. He m. Kate Brown.
- iii Elizabeth "Lizzie" Ward, b. 1/09/1889 in Monroe Co., AL; d. 10/10/1979 in Pensacola, FL.
She m. Frank Thomas Nall 7/1903 in Monroeville, AL; Frank, b. 10/18/1881 in Foshee, AL; d. 10/13/1958 in Pensacola, FL.
- iv Grady Ward. He m. Willa _____.
- v Allie Ward. She m. Joe Gordon.

From James Palmer (Palmeur@aol.com) of Eufaula, AL:

Hi Ron, In a past Newsletter (#8), you recounted the 1886 hanging execution of William J. Ward in Ozark, Dale Co. AL for the murder of Jacob J. Parmer. Since many of my ancestors used the Parmer spelling of my name instead of the Palmer variation that I use, I have been curious as to whether this Jacob J. Parmer was related to me on my father's side. In retrospect, your newsletters are of great interest to me due to my relation on my mother's Turner side to Jesse Turner and many other Turners in Walton Co. FL who have Ward family connections.

Now, back to Jacob J. Parmer. He was supposedly murdered by William J. Ward in Ozark, AL. According to a cemetery survey I have seen, there is a Jacob J. Parmer buried in the Old Salem Cemetery in Dale Co. AL. His date of birth is listed as February 12, 1849 and his death date as September 30, 1883. I am assuming this is the Jacob J. Parmer that was killed by Wm. J. Ward. That being the case, it turns out he is related to me. Three brothers; Benjamin, Jacob, and George W. Parmer moved from Jones Co. GA to Barbour Co. AL in the 1820's and 1830's. I am directly descended from Jacob Parmer. George W. Parmer had a son named Littleberry J. Parmer (1819-1896) who settled in Dale Co. AL. My research shows Littleberry J. Parmer had a son named Jacob J. Parmer, who must have been the one killed by William J. Ward in Ozark, since the family lived in Dale Co. AL.

I know nothing about the type of person Jacob J. Parmer was, but William J. Ward must truly have been an exceptional man. As you reported in your Newsletter # 8, while standing on the gallows to be hanged, he stated "If I had been at church where I ought to have been on the night Palmer was murdered, I would now have been at home with my family. If I had let whiskey alone, I would today have been free. Young men, beware of whiskey and bad company, serve God in your youth".

I agree with Ralph Odell Ward, who submitted the information, that even though there is no documented relationship, "I would be proud to claim kin to him (William J. Ward)."

From Toni Drinkard (mpl@mail.pinebelt.net):

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I am seeking information on my husband's grandmother's family, the Wards. I noticed that Clarke Co., AL was one of the places mentioned and I am wondering if there could be a relation to the Wards I am interested in. My husbands grandmother lived in Choctaw Co. (about 30 miles from Clarke Co.) Her father's name was W. T. (Doc) Ward, he married Minerva or Minnie Dodson. Do you remember ever seeing those names? If you have any information on this, I would appreciate it! Thanks, Toni.

From Linda Miller (telem@earthlink.net):

Ron, just checked out your Website. Very nice!! I've rarely seen such thorough documentation. Congrats. Do you have any knowledge of or connection to Wards of AR? Mine are from the Melbourne and/or Pocahontas area. My "brick wall" - Lon/Lonnie/Lonso WARD, b. abt. 1844-1860-a real puzzler, m. Elizabeth [] parents of Allie, Charlie and Arthur Jordon Ward, b. 1884. Any help appreciated. Again-great Website. Thanks. Linda

From Corliss Birks (CBirks2602@aol.com) of Milton, FL:

Dear Ron, I came across your page while searching for BRAYs on the internet. How can I make sure that this is my line of WARDs? I found the surname FLOWERS in the list. Mary Louise Flowers was my 3X grandmother. (She was married to Jess Carroll.)

My Grandmother was Minnie Dora Ward, whose father was John Allen Ward, b. 1853 in Santa Rosa Co. [FL]. His wife was Lucretia Falbey Hinote, also born 1853.

Someone said there were 3 different lines of WARDs, unrelated, so I am confused. I am new to genealogy and would appreciate any help anyone could give me. There is a lot of mention of Indian heritage and my family all have to be Indian, but cannot find where it starts. Also have Wrights and Griffis on my Mother's side (Ruby Bray). Could you help me or know anyone who could? How do I start to see if your Wards are my Wards? I do have a listing of Minnie D. Ward having a brother named George, also one named Allen Leon.

[Editor's note: This John was the son of David WARD, Celia Jones' lineage, who also had ties to Dale Co., AL.; found there in the 1860 census.]

Laura McGinley of Hattiesburg, MS, sent me a copy of a newspaper article from the Clarion-Ledger dated 31 Aug 1997. Among items rescued from a bankruptcy sale in Mobile Co., AL were many old documents including receipts dealing with the estate of **Patrick Ward of Jackson Co., MS**. They had been in the possession of nationally known Confederate relics dealer Richard E. "Sonny" Neville of Fairhope, AL. Although Jackson Co. was unable to recover those documents they felt were theirs, Mobile Co. did provide copies to the Jackson Co. Archives.

From Nathan Chessher (Cracker100@cfi.net) of Crestview, FL:

Mr. Jones, I have been reading your web site and enjoyed it very much. I am a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a resident of Okaloosa County, FL. Two of my ancestors were also in the 1st Fla. Union Cav. and I feel that I can add some to your knowledge of events in this area at that time. Mark Curenton has done some good work on this unit, but you need the "other side of the story." There is an excellent book by J. L. McKinnon a history of Walton County, FL. This book is often quoted in histories written about the War Between the States. It is available from the Walton County Chamber of Commerce in DeFuniak Springs, FL for \$25.00. I think that is the price.

I have a copy of Mark's own record he compiled from the National Archives. There were a little over 20 men from Walton County in the Union cavalry; I know of a few more who joined other Union forces. However, to quote J. L. McKinnon (he was 1st Lt. of Co. D 1st Fla. Inf. CSA) "Walton County sent more men to the Confederate cause in proportion to her population than any other county in Florida and Florida sent more men in proportion to her population than any other state. There were two cavalry companies and four infantry companies, all volunteers, raised here as well as a company in the 15th Confederate Cavalry and individuals in other Confederate units as well as the homeguard. That's 600 or 700 men in the Confederacy to 20 in the Union. That's hardly rampant disaffection.

What made the situation so bad here was that with all the men gone the people were left with no law and no protection. Most of the civilians "refugeed" to Alabama.

There was also no mention of the burning and sacking of Marianna, FL by the 1st Fla. Union Cav. where over 100 civilians were rounded up sent to Chicago to prison where nearly all died. There was another very ugly incident there. The homeguard was fortied up in the large church on main street. The raiders set the church afire, and when the boys tried to escape they threw them back in; about 20 young boys and a few old men were burned up. The Union also sacked Ucheeanna, the county seat of Walton County, and imprisoned many of the people there; they had no friends in West Florida. They got some of their own back though, they were soundly defeated by the homeguard at Newton, AL. There was also a First Florida Cavalry in the CSA. They fought with distinction through out the war. Also, every state in the Confederacy had Union companies and even regiments raised in them; not just the border states. The flip side of that is the wide spread support for the South in the North, especially southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

I hope this helps the picture some. I have more and I know a little about Santa Rosa County next door if it would be of any help. Good bye, Nathan

[Editor's note: Since I could name almost 20 men with connections to the families of W. FL I am researching (see my article in newsletter #11), I scanned through the 1st Florida Union Cavalry rosters in "Biographical

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Rosters of Florida's Confederate and Union Soldiers." I only looked for men born in one of the four western most W. FL counties; many had no place of birth listed. I found 55, 19 of which were born in Walton County.]

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From Frank Ward (fward@ghg.net) of Baytown, TX:

This is the text from a historical marker in the Russell County, Alabama Fort Mitchell Park now containing the old Fort Mitchell site. The marker is on the access road to the fort site very near the old cemetery. A few editorial notes are enclosed within square brackets, e.g. [Alabama].

Fort Mitchell Military Cemetery

This military graveyard was established soon after Fort Mitchell was built by General John Floyd of the Georgia Militia. Located just south of the stockade, the cemetery was used between 1813 and 1840 during the fort's occupation by Georgia and United States soldiers. The first burial was that of John Ward, an interpreter on the staff of General Floyd. Ward died of pneumonia in November 1813. A line of approximately 25 soldiers' graves is located adjacent to the site of the fort's dispensary. A burial ground for area residents is situated on higher ground just to the south. The Yuchi leader, Timpoochee Barnard, is said to be interred nearby.

Erected by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission and Fort Mitchell Historical Society 1988.

Also placed nearby were a line of memorial grave markers for some individuals known to be buried in the cemetery. These include:

*Bob Walton (Timor Bob),
a Revolutionary War soldier*

Major Timpoochee Barnard, Yuchi Leader

Tom Carr, Indian Trader

Daniel McGillivray, Sgt. w/Capt. Seale Frank

John Ward - 1813, Indian Interpreter



From Patricia Ward (wardp@cts.db.erau.edu) of Ormand Beach, FL:

Toward the end of '97 I was doing some research in the Edgefield District and looking at the area around the town on a map. I happened to notice Ward, SC. I called the Edgefield Historical Society, and as luck would have it, and spoke with a lady whose relative is Mrs. Marion Edson and quite the local historian. I asked the woman I was speaking with if she thought Mrs. Edson would mind if I called and she assured me it would be ok.

I called Mrs. Edson that evening and she shared the fact that her father was the man for whom the town was named. That is the mid 1800s her father and his brother came down from Ohio to that part of SC and settled. After a time, the brother returned to Ohio to live and her father stayed. Mrs. Edson is around 92 but sharp as a tack and shared a lot of the history of the area with me.

Excerpts from Carol Pyatt (Malinose@aol.com):

I am researching two Ward families; my ex-husband's and my own. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

My ex-husband's line is:

Dottie Loree Ward b. Aug 28, 1923; She was the daughter of William Jackson Ward, b. 09/19/1878 in Galax, Carroll Co., VA; d. 12/15/1958 WVa; son of Rosa Ellen Branscome and Christopher Columbus Ward (son of William Jackson Ward and his wife Nancy ?). Jack was m. in Oct/Nov 1907 in WVa to Sarah Isabessa Carver, b. 06/21/1893 Wva. She was only 14 when married; d. 08/07/1975 Wva.

According to family members, Christopher C. Ward had two brothers killed in FL by the Mafia. Christopher's known children were Greenberry, Robert, Mattie, and William Jackson. Children of William Jackson [Jack] Ward and Sarah Carver were: William, Lum, Rose, Issac, Charles, Stella, Arbutus, Dottie, Olive, and Luella. Many of these children married Pyatts. They all lived in Fayette/ Nicholas Co., WVa on what they call Beauty Mountain.

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My line is:

William Ward, Jr., b. abt 1760 married Lydia Chamness. Their son Anthony John Ward, 1790-1852, b. in Chatham Co., NC; d. Osage Co., MO; married Lydia Vincent, 1794-1843, b. in TN; d. Osage Co., MO. Lydia Vincent is supposed to have been Cherokee Indian from the Wolf Clan. Their dau. Lydia Ann Ward, 1817-1879, b. TN m. John Lawson Clark, 1814 -1875. Their son Leonard Anthony Clark 1836-1896, b. Wilson Co., TN m. Mary Ann Reynolds.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. I have much information on the Clark related family I am willing to share. Thanks, Carol Pyatt, 5915 E. 30 St., Tulsa, OK 74114, 918-832-1565.

From William A. Mills (wam@bellsouth.net):

Hi my name is William Mills, great grandson of a John Edward Lane. He died in 1944 in LaGrange NC. He was married to Sarah Naomi Ward, born 7-4-1910.

I have been finding it quite difficult to locate information about him as my mother was only 14 at the time and does not remember any of his family. (She and her siblings were sent to orphanages)

I only know he was born around 1910 and came from the eastern part of TN or the western part on NC.

If your records should show any information I would appreciate it. Thank you, William A. Mills

From Billy Miller (billym3@zebra.net) of Mobile, AL:

I found your name through the Alabama Genealogy web search. I am searching for more information on the WARD family of Clarke Co., AL. My great-grandfather was James Mathew WARD who married Eliza Ellen STANLEY. They lived in the community of McVay, AL and are buried in the Pin Isle (not sure of the spelling) cemetery near there.

If any of this is familiar to you, I would appreciate a reply. Thank you, Billy Miller

From George Stone (georgestone@cafes.net):

Bryan (Bryant) Ward who married the Cherokee Nancy Ward are my ancestors. His son John settled in middle Tennessee and had a large family in the area. This John Ward died in Arkansas. Bryan Ward had two wives, Nancy Ward and a white wife I can give you descendants of this and further history of this if you are interested. John Ward settled in Tennessee before it was a state. He lived in what is now Trousdale County, but formerly Wilson and Smith County, Tennessee. Bryan was a trader and supposedly affluent. Nancy Ward is buried in Polk County, Tennessee which is east of Chattanooga. I thought this might be of interest. I am descended via the white wife. George Stone

Hither & Yon

Melba Allen (mallen96@flash.net) who is related to the BAKERS of Jackson Co., MS has a website with many families of that county that a number of you might like to visit, if you have not done so already. That URL:

<http://members.tripod.com/~mallen4896/Index.html>

With Thanks & Appreciation to:

Thanks to everyone who has made this issue of the newsletter possible. Especially to Dot Baker and Lomax Baker for sharing so much information on the Abner BAKER's family. And to Cary Ward for the rest of the Jesse Turner interview.

To Louis Craig and Paul Ward for their support of the newsletter.

Louis sent me many updates on his branch of the WARD family and I hope all of you will keep me in mind as your family grows and you accumulate new data.

New subscribers:

Paul B. Ward, 1506 S. 21st East, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. Paul is a descendant of James B. WARD down through William Josiah (Diamond Joe) and Warren A. WARD.

In a recent phone conversation, Ginny Marsh of Pensacola gave me the name of her boyfriend's mother Charlotte Ward Pendarvis (?), P. O. Box 703, Palm City, FL 33490. She descends from Hampton Alfred WARD of GA.

Address changes:

Jim Moore's new e-mail address:

jimbo_moore@compuserve.com

Ralph Odell Ward now has an e-mail address:

rowlsw@mindspring.com

Jo Ann Courtney new mailing address is: 701 West Daniels St., Dermott, AR 71638. Her e-mail address:

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Coming next issue:

Part II of Mary Baker Barker's bio.

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"Some people can trace their ancestors back three hundred years, but can't tell you where their children were last night."

Author Unknown

Annual State of the Newsletter

This issue of the newsletter is a little late and, as you will soon see, shorter than usual. For the first time since I started publishing this newsletter, I was not satisfied with its overall content on March 1st, my self-imposed deadline. Incoming material has slowed considerably and my backlog is almost exhausted. I am very reluctant to use material just for "filler" so I really need to hear from some of you.

I continue to enjoy publishing this newsletter, but I am beginning to struggle to achieve my deadlines. I also enjoy the work I do on my website, but updates to it are becoming increasingly difficult to find the time to accomplish. The time I have left over for my own research is very short and my promise to publish another edition of my book has not been fulfilled. I have always been a "Jack of all trades, master of none" type and I have had to struggle to keep my energies focused. But my Mother's admonition remains impressed on my mind after all these years; I can still hear it well - "*If you are going to do something, you might as well do it right!*"

I considered putting the newsletter aside or finding someone who may be interested in keeping it going. After considerable deliberation, the compromise came to me; publish the newsletter twice a year. This should solve the problem of declining incoming information and insure that the content does not suffer. It should also carve out a little more time for me to complete more of my agenda.

So, as the newsletter enters its sixth year, it will be biannual coming in March and September. I continue to prefer to keep it free so that it is not a financial obligation. Many of you have sent me donations over the last five years and to you I am most obliged. I appreciate your help in keeping it fun! And for those who keep sending me those words of encouragement, thank you.

Someone on the mailing list probably did not receive the December issue as I had one returned missing the address label. If you will let me know, I will be pleased to re-send. During this past month I finally got my new computer. In the process of moving my files from the old computer and

upgrading AOL to v. 4.0, some of the e-mail I have recently received got lost in the transition before I could answer it. If you have sent me e-mail to which I did not respond, please let me hear from you again.

The Baker Family

From Nada <nada@highland.net>:

The first BAKER in my line is Rufus Morgan BAKER born 1818 VA d. Dekalb Co., AL on 17 Aug 1882. Married 1 Mar 1889 to Ann Elizabeth CULPEPPER, b. 1 Oct 1822 Jefferson Co., TN. They had a son named Andrew Tyler BAKER b. 13 Feb 1843 Dekalb Co., AL. He m. 11 Sep 1867 to Eliza Jane McSPADDEN, b. 23 Jul 1845 Dekalb Co., AL; they died in AL. they had a son and named him Alexander Ward BAKER b. 16 Apr 1876 Ft. Payne, AL.

No, I do not have anyone helping me with descendants except those voices of my past that call. Searching for more information to add to their long line somehow to remember her [her grandmother who left her a wealth of information] people. Thanks and please write again.
Nada

The Ward Family

Jean Strickland of Moss Point, MS, now retired, sent me the following re Daniel WARD, youngest son of John WARD & Sarah COOKE of Charleston, SC.

Spanish West Florida Records 1782-1806

(200) Charges made by Louis Forneret against Isabele Alexandre, his wife, charging her with living with Daniel Ward at Mobile. Through his proxy, Joseph Piernas, Forneret questions Francois Poussett & Daniel Hicky about a legal separation from his wife.

In 1766 Forneret went to France to collect the paternal legacy he inherited. He left his wife at his home in a village called Eones near Mobile with three negroes: Jason, Adam & Baptiste and an Indian female named Madelon. While he was gone, his wife went to live with Daniel Ward first in Pensacola and then in Mobile. On the 29th Sept. 1767 his wife filed separation papers in Mobile which were granted by Augustin Rochon, Joseph Badon,

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Charles Vidal & Nicholas Delyle (now dec'd). She continued to live with Ward until his death 3 or 4 years ago.

Forneret is charged with mistreating his wife and wasting her property; also with mistreating his sister, Antonia Forneret. He was an Indian interpreter for the British in Mobile and then in Pensacola.

Joseph Piernas & Anthony Mendez are notified. Thomas Courtain (English interpreter), Gabriel Fusilier & Oliver LeBlanc of Iberville are notified.

(207) Testimony of Daniel Hicky, native of Ireland. Hickey states that he arrived in Mobile in 1771 and lived next to Forneret. He did know that Forneret was a quiet & peaceful man of good conduct. He knows nothing about Forneret's property since he came to Mobile after the marriage. He knew Daniel Ward who had a house on Fish Shore. He had seen Mrs. Forneret & Ward together and had heard that they were living together. He knows nothing about Antonia Forneret. He does know that Forneret was an Indian interpreter in New Orleans. Daniel Hicky testified twice. The 2nd time by the request of L. Forneret of New Orleans.

Note: Delivered to the Mulatto, Louis LeClare, that came from Natchez 12 Feb 1793.

(213) Testimony of Francois Pousset by the request of L. Forneret of N Orleans. 14 June 1793. He arrived in Mobile in Dec. 1763 and remained until 1783. He knew the Forneret's and Ward. He heard that Mrs. Forneret was a lady of violent character and irregular conduct. He remembers their voluntary separation after which she lived with Daniel Ward; and that Ward had left her a pension.

Note: Was Peter Champenoy another son of Daniel Ward by another widow? Daniel Ward's will left all of his property to Peter Champenoy. - Jean Strickland.

Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL is once again actively researching the WARD/CHILDRESS family. In January, she sent me a summary of her new research on the family of John WARD who settled at Bon Secour, AL and later Jackson Co., MS.

"Remember a few years ago I told you I didn't think John WARD¹ and John WARD² were ours. I believe we have a lot more research to do."

[These two WARDs are part of what I generally refer to as the Charleston, SC WARDs.]

According to Betty's research, John CHILDRESS b. ca 1725 in Henrico Co., VA, son of Joseph Sr., had the following issue:

1. Joseph II, b. ca 1745. He m. Sarah (Sally) GOOLSBY.
2. Judith who m. John WARD.
3. Prudence who m. a Mr. THOMAS.
4. Another daughter who m. William BALL.

"Joseph and his brother-in-law John WARD bought canoes during the American Revolution for Thomas JEFFERSON. I have documents proving this."

Joseph & Sarah CHILDRESS had issue:

1. William b. 1770 VA
2. John who m. Sarah GOOLSBY, a cousin.
3. Mary (Polly) who m. Mr. WOODY or WOODLY.

Joseph & his son William and their families moved to SC 1797-1800 or 1797-1798.

William CHILDRESS issue:

1. Milly b. Ca 1789/90 VA. She m. George C. WALKER 1Dec 1809 in Elbert Co., GA.
2. Lucy b. 1791 VA. She m. 1st Frederick RODGERS. She m. 2nd William HOLLAND and went to Jackson Co., MS ca 1815.
3. Sarah b. 1796 VA. She m. Tarleton Solomon WARD and went to Jackson Co., MS.
4. William b. 1798 SC. He. m. Elizabeth WARD and also went to MS.
5. Bartholomew Gordon WARD b. 1800 SC. He m. Nancy Ann WARD b. 1803 in Tallassie, FL Territory.

The Connection:

Did John & Julia WARD come to SC & GA - on the border of Oglethorpe & Elbert Cos., GA? Yes, I think so! I also believe John³ was the son of John WARD of Albemarle Co., VA. This answers a lot of questions. William CHILDRESS of VA & John WARD of VA were 1st cousins. Time slot is correct. The 3 couples, WARDs who married CHILDRESSes, were 2nd cousins.

I must apologize to Betty for not responding to her letter and following up on her research. There is just too much going on in my life lately. The CHILDRESS link intrigues me and sounds very good. But how does Elizabeth KNIGHT fit into this puzzle? Is this John WARD³ different than the one who settled at Bon Secour ca 1793? The baptism records of Nancy Ann states she is the daughter of John WARD and Elizabeth KNIGHT of Bon Secour. How do we reconcile this? This record does, however, state John was a native of Virginia!

I certainly agree with Betty that more research is needed on this WARD lineage. And I am very pleased to see that another researcher has separated this lineage from the Charleston, SC WARDs. I am even more pleased that Betty's health has allowed her to return to her research.

Joyce Penton Schnoor <SchnoorJP@aol.com> of Milton, FL sent me quite a bit of information on the murder of Sheriff John W. PENTON. I stated in the last newsletter that I would bring you the story, but despite the amount of information Joyce sent me, I have had a difficult time trying to paraphrase it keeping it from getting too big and still retaining the whole story. Part of it comes from Wyley

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WARD's book "*The Case of Sheriff John W. Penton*" and the rest from newspaper clippings.

John W. PENTON was the oldest son of Moses T. & Martha PENTON and born in AL in 1844. He enlisted in the 1st FL Infantry (CSA) in 1861 and was wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga. After the War he moved to Covington Co., AL and ca 1868 he married Josephine WARD, the daughter of James N. WARD & Eveline HOGG. Their issue:

James T. (Dick)
Troy C.
Agnes who m. Joseph JERNIGAN
Vergie
Voncile who m. C. A. McKINNON

As sheriff, John PENTON confronted Robert E. CRUMPLER in front of a saloon in Andalusia, AL 18 Jun 1888 with an order to confiscate CRUMPLER's team of horses for an outstanding debt. A fight broke out and Penton shot Crumpler who died the next day. Both were well-established citizens of Andalusia and both had influential friends. A long, drawn out legal battle followed.

Excerpts from the Pensacola Daily News:

That Penton was a desperate man is true; that he killed his man, was tried there for and was convicted of murder, is also true; that he braved the officers of the court and walked out of the courtroom after conviction is not denied -- it is also true.

Crumpler was the only man he ever killed.

He was sheriff of Covington Co., AL when he committed that deed, which seemed to lack justification, but before that he was, and since that he has been regarded as a peaceable man. He was, however, looked upon as a man whom it wouldn't do to fool with, but he never drank to excess and was never known to be quarrelsome.

Penton lived a half mile from Milton and was engaged in the logging business.

John W. PENTON was killed in a gun battle on the main street of Milton 9 May 1891. A man by the name of W. D. CHEATHAM and his "posse" were responsible. John's brother Ab had tried to come to his aid. Cheatham claimed to have authority from the Governor of AL to bring Penton back dead or alive and was allowed to return to AL.

The citizens of Milton were outraged that John W. Penton was not arrested in a proper manner. The local sheriff had not been involved until after the fight had taken place.

From Frank Ward <fward@ghg.net> the family of Franklin Jones WARD & Mary Elizabeth HUGHES printed in "*A History of Geneva, Alabama*":

Franklin Jones WARD was born September 16, 1855. He died on January 11, 1947. Mr. Ward married Mary Elizabeth HUGHES. She was born on July 2, 1867 and died

on May 16, 1940. They occupied the Kelley-Ward home in Eunola and Geneva for 45 years. They bought the house from the builder and moved into it in 1898 and raised their family of 4 boys and 4 girls in the home. Mr. And Mrs. Ward are both buried in the Eunola Cemetery. The following information and the 1937 picture of the home was made available for this publication by their youngest daughter Mary Chapman Ward Beall:

1. Frank Hugh, b. 23 Mar 1894; d. 9 Aug 1967.
He m. Abbie ROACH.
2. Clyde Jones, b. 21 Sep 1892; d. 5 Nov 1953.
He m. Ruth STRICKLAND.
3. Susie Mae, b. 12 May 1894; d. 9 Sep 1985
She m. William O. DAUGHTRY.
4. Shelley Alto, b. 3 Feb 1896.
He m. Mittie HERRING.
5. Florrie Elizabeth, b. 12 Dec 1898; d. 22 Nov 1985.
She m. Carey DANAY.
6. Annie Campbell, b. 12 Aug 1901.
She m. J. Frank THOMPSON.
7. Columbus (Lum) Price, b. 5 Nov 1903.
He m. Mary Louise _____.
8. Mary Chapman, b. 6 Jul 1909.
She m. Louis H. BEALL Sr.

[Frank J. WARD was the son of John Jackson WARD & Susan WYNN and the grandson of James B. WARD & Elizabeth ENGLISH.]

The following is an eleventh hour entry from Jerry Merritt <jerrym@beaches.net> re a James Ward in Florida in 1827:

While looking for something else during a trip to Pensacola Monday, I found the following in the Pensacola Library. I think you will all find this interesting.

In the Territorial Papers of the United States, Volume XXIII, pages 948-949 was a Petition to Congress by Inhabitants of Jackson County, Dec 11, 1827.

Among the signers were:

*John Ward
Nathan Ward
James Ward
Matthew Tucker
John Roach
John Smith*

All of these names fall within a span of 13 lines on page 217 of the 1830 Dale County census. This seems to indicate that the Wards listed are closely connected and that the James Ward listed is James B. Ward whom we know to be on page 217 of the 1830 Dale County Census.

In 1830 all of these Wards were in either the 30-40 or 40-50 age brackets and could, therefore, be brothers.

A note at the end of the list of names states that they are citizens of the county and is signed by Jos M White, Delegate.

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Ron, don't know if this is too late for your upcoming newsletter. Hope not. Jerry Merritt

I questioned Jerry about the nature of the petition and he responded with the following e-mail:

When I found these names, I was pretty sure it was just a coincidence of Wards so I didn't copy everything down. When I checked the names that carried forward to 1830 Dale County, however, I knew this was a new find -- for me at least. All I copied was that it was petition to the Territory of Florida pertaining to a village in the 16th section of Jackson County. Apparently they wanted money because they mention enhancing the value of the school lands. It mentioned that there were 4 stores, the offices of legal and medical men, clerks, sheriff & marshal and several private dwellings already in place. There were about 140 names on the petition.

From Helen Ward Anderson <helensue@swbell.net> of McGregor, TX:

Ron, I am searching for information on and ancestors of Newitt Ward, Sr. b. 1765 SC. Died abt 1861 in MS Lawrence County. Wife was Junicy (mnuk) b. 1771 in SC. Their son David C was b. 1910 in GA. Son Jesse b. 1811 in GA married Delaney Daniel b. 1819 of MS Lawrence County. Another son was Newit Hobbs Ward b. 1814 in GA, wife Anna Unity Ward b. 1820 in MS. Jesse's children were all born in MS. They were Mary Elizabeth b. 1839, Melissa b. 1842, William b. 1844, Robert b. 1846, Willis b. 1848, James b. 1850 and Martha b. 1851. Willis married Harriett Hudspeth b. 1854 in MS also.

Willis moved his family to Texas and appears on the 1880 census in Cherokee Co., TX. Willis and Harriett Ward are my gggrandparents.

I am especially interested in info concerning Newitt WARD Sr. Please contact me if you have run across any of these names in your search.

Clay Hogue <hogue@cyberspy.com> of Tampa, FL:

Hi Ron, My name is Clay Hogue and I am a direct descendant of Cilestine Ward. My info is the same as yours regarding "Teen" down through William Wallace Tucker.

William Wallace Tucker m. Daisy Bell Knowles (1883-1959). They had a daughter, Myrtle Lewey (1908-1988) who m. Walter Howard Morgan (1903-1961). Myrtle & Walter had a daughter, Luna Inez (1943-), who is my mother.

I just started tracing my genealogy about a month ago and have been consolidating research done by previous relatives. The above info was obtained from a report produced by Evelyn Tucker in 1965. This report has a little info on the Wards and Bakers (including the "Battle Hymn of the Bakers."

I would like to share my info with you if you are interested. You have a great website. Thanks

From Joie Humphrey <joie4john@webtv.net>:

I am searching for Charles Franklin WARD. was born 1899 or 1900. In the late 50's lived in Horse Cave, KY. Last known wife's name was Ruth, she was several years younger than he. His mother was Pearl DOBSON, died Apr. 1912, Father was Ollie Richard Allen WARD died July 1938. Hope you can make a connection from this information. Sincerely, Joie

From Wayne Ward <doublew@vvm.com>:

HI, I'm just dropping an e-mail to see if you have anything on my ancestors. I have read your page and haven't seen any ties but I know very little about the WARDs of my line other than they were from Edwards Station in Hinds County, MS. I can go back to an A. J. Ward, 1807-1880 who married Mary Sophia Jackson, 1827-1897. She was from WV, but I don't know where AJ was from. So many Wards. Just thought you may have something of help. Anything would be appreciated. Thanks.

From Faye <Quodon@aol.com>:

I am looking for information on John W. WARD, b. 12/16/1836 AL; d. 6/2/1890 Louisville, Winston Co., MS. He m. Thalitha/Telitha N. PIERCE, b. 12/15/1837; d. 2/7/1916 Louisville, Winston Co., MS. Children:

1. Lula Mae WARD, b. 3/18/1872; d. 10/15/1941 Louisville, Winston Co., MS. She married James Edward CROWELL.
2. C. T. WARD, b. 9/29/1857; d. 12/10/1926.

There may be other children, but not that I have found. Also, I was told that Jackson Ward was the father of JOHN W. WARD but I have not found proof of that. Thanks, Faye

Rest in Peace

Betty Perkins of Belleville, IL also sent me the names of five WARD cousins who died in 1998: Randall Hylman Nelson of Carbondale, IL; Raymond Debe Callaway of Daphne, AL; William (Billy) Askbel Callaway; Jack Dempsey Callaway; and Mary Ellen Childress Rouse of Lucedale, MS.

I had corresponded with Mary Ellen the past 5 or 6 years and always enjoyed hearing from her. She was quite a lady and very supportive of the newsletter and my efforts to find the truth. She always gave me much encouragement and I will miss her a lot.

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A few of the patents I found at "The Official Land Patent Site" <<http://glorecords.blm.gov/>> and was able to download copies of the originals:

John C. WARD (1) & George T. WARD (1), sons of James Melvin WARD & Martha NICHOLS of Escambia Co., FL.
Starkes BAKER (2) of Walton Co., FL.
Elijah WARD (2) of Walton Co., FL.
Bartholomew CHILDRESS (3) of Jackson Co., MS.
Samuel NICHOLS (5) of Henry Co., AL.
Patrick WARD (1) of Jackson Co., MS.
Moses B. WARD, assignee of Lah-Pahm-ba (Choctaw Certificate)
Bartholomew CHILDRESS of Jackson Co., MS (3)

Excerpt from Duke Vickrey <SGVICK@aol.com> of Gulf Breeze, FL commenting on the list mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter. Duke has also done a tremendous job on the GenWeb sites of W. FL in regards to Land Patents. He has created a searchable database called an Index for Reconstructed Tract Book from GLO automated records.

Ron, I would like to comment on the Walton Co. "patriotism issue". I put together the list of 1st FL Union Cavalry soldiers on the Walton Co. GENWEB site for the Walton County Discussion Group hosted by Tonia Porter. The purpose was to help Walton Co. genealogists determine if their relatives fought in that unit. I thought there would be a reasonable probability that a fair number of the soldiers on the list had a Walton Co. connection. However, except for those soldiers on the list that are related to me or married to relatives of mine (and there are 12 of them), I don't know for sure that any had a Walton Co. connection. It wasn't my purpose to show that Walton Co. had more support for the Union than other parts of Florida. I don't know if it did. But my suspicion is that Walton County, or at least West Florida, had less dedication to the Confederacy than the rest of Florida.

Duke is taking another close look at this research and promised to share the results.

In October of 1996 Mark Curenton of Apalachicola, FL sent me a muster roll he had compiled himself of the 6th Alabama Cavalry, Co. K. This company was from Walton Co., FL, but is usually overlooked as being a Florida unit. In fact, it was left out of Hartman's "Biographical Rosters of Florida's Confederate and Union Soldiers."

Recently I was comparing notes with Duke on the Civil War in W. FL and was looking at the above muster roll once again. This time the name of "Coval Nicholas" caught my attention; he enlisted August 31, 1863 in Walton Co., FL. Now it does not take much of a stretch to turn this name into Coval NICHOLS, husband of Sarah WARD and brother of Martha Nichols WARD, wife of James Melvin WARD. I checked with Duke and he had already made this assumption.

Coval was killed in a feud with the WARD family near the end of the Civil War. Sarah filed for a widow's CSA pension to the state of Florida in 1909 stating her husband had served in the 1st FL Regiment, Co. B under Capt. Frank Lyons. A witness for the application was John B. CLARY, husband of Martha BAKER, who had known Sarah 50 or 60 years. The application was denied because the name "Coval Nichols" could not be found on any rolls.

Could the reason have been that his name had been recorded wrong? By the way, there was no Frank Lyons in Company K and a check of the 1850 & 1860 Walton County census shows no NICHOLAS family.

In the last newsletter I mentioned that Dr. Brian Rucker of Milton, FL was working on a new book. That book, *Encyclopedia of Education in Antebellum Pensacola*, is now available. From his flyer:

For the first time in one handy reference volume a complete account is now available for every school, educational facility, and teacher known to have existed in Pensacola, Florida, between 1821 and the Civil War. This valuable resource tool will prove essential to historians, librarians, genealogists, and anyone desiring a scholarly record of the many institutions and individuals that strived to bring education to the citizens of antebellum Pensacola.

The book is comb-bound, 8 1/2 x 11, vi, 149 pp., with Preface, Acknowledgements, Introduction, Text, Photographs, Bibliography, & Index. Cost \$19.95 + \$2.50 shipping - Florida residents add 6.5% Sales Tax. The book can be ordered from:

Patagonia Press
P. O. Box 284
Bagdad, FL 32530

With Thanks & Appreciation:

To Aleta McElwain & Betty Perkins for their continued support of the newsletter.

To Laura McGinley for the "Mississippi Mud Puppies" at Christmas - they were great!

And to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

Coming next issue:

I am not sure -- Please check your files and see what you can do to help and I will make another pass through my files. If you have sent me material that has not been published yet, please jog my memory. Staying organized is a constant struggle and you will not hurt my feelings.

Keep in mind that my website is indexed by FTM (Family Tree Maker) and is updated regularly. Their search engine can help folks connect to those you are researching. Other Internet search engines also have parts of my website indexed.

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Wards & Bakers of the Deep South

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A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.

From: *Humor only genealogists can appreciate*, forwarded to me by Donna Rowland.

Even though it has been six months, I just barely have enough material for the usual seven-page newsletter. In an effort to maintain continuity, that I sense is slipping away, I encourage each of you to recheck your files for material that may be used in future newsletters.

Please note my new e-mail address and new URL for my website. These changes were the result of a move from AOL to TCI, a television cable service. This has freed up my phone line, making my wife much happier, and it is much faster than the phone modems. I have tried to make the transition a smooth as possible, but it has been a problem to some of you and I apologize for this inconvenience.

The Baker Family

From the Walton Co. US GenWeb site:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flwalton/1847Tax.txt>

1847 Walton County Tax List (excerpts)

Alexander McCallum, Tax Assessor
Daniel McLeod, President of the Board of County Comm.
Enos Evans, Sheriff of Walton Co., Florida
September 7, 1847

Abbreviations: WM = white male ac = acres sl = slave

Starks BAKER	80ac	.60
Henry BAKER	WM	.50
Avender BAKER	WM	.50

John WARD	WM	.50
Andrew WARD	WM	.50
William WARD	WM	.75
James WARD	WM	.50
Elijah WARD	1sl	.50
David WARD	WM	.50

This list found on the Walton Co., FL GenWeb site was compiled by Helen Bartlett. Tonia Porter is the Walton County USGenWeb coordinator and is doing a remarkable job adding data to this website. If you have not been there in a while, be sure to return soon.

From Duke Vickrey <SGVICK@aoi.com> via Tonia <toniab@gte.net> in response to my question re availability of other Walton Co. tax records:

The LDS has filmed tax lists for 1847, 1855 - 1863, 1866 - 1869, 1872, 1875, 1877, and 1881. I have not checked the Walton Co. courthouse to see if there are more. There are more for Santa Rosa County in the courthouse than have been filmed by the LDS.

This is the first time I have seen the name Avender BAKER. And just when I thought I had all of the BAKER men in this county sorted out. He is not found in the 1850 census or in the 1855 Walton Co. Tax List.

Jim Thompson searched for the name Avender BAKER at the new LDS site <<http://www.familysearch.com/>> and came up with an Evander G. BAKER born 1875 who married Mary Jane PATTERSON, Moore Co., NC in 1900. No connection has been established.

Could Avender/Evander be Starkes & Mary Caroline Morrison BAKER's oldest son who I have as James E.? This was the man I found who had fought in the FL Indian Wars in 1837. There was a strange notation at the bottom of the card "ded" so I have presumed he died. However, In the 1840 census of Walton Co., FL there is an older unidentified male (20 - 30) living with Starkes that would

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indicate that his oldest son may still have been living at that time.

I searched [Ancestry.com](#) and found an Evander BAKER in the 1860 census of Clinton Co., NY (p. 1045) in the Blackbrook township. I would not think too much of this find except that there was a John MORRISON Jr., brother of Mary Caroline BAKER, who also disappeared in this timeframe. One source said he went to New York, but I never pursued it. I checked this 1860 census record as well as an 1850 New York census record for a James E. BAKER: both proved negative.

I now believe Starkes' oldest son was named James Evander BAKER and I feel that this "Evander" name may be an important clue in searching for Starkes' parents. If he did not die in the Indian War, did he file for a bounty land claim as did Elijah and William Marion WARD?

So, here I go again playing the "Name Game." Stay tuned!

Henry BAKER, son of Starkes BAKER, named his oldest son Zachariah. This name has always seemed out of place to me as it is not found anywhere else in the BAKER or MORRISON families and I feel sure it must be significant. Using the following English naming patterns, Henry's 2nd & 3rd sons follow the pattern (John & Stark respectively). The oldest, if he follows the pattern, should then be named after his father's father (Zachariah).

Naming Patterns (English) at <http://www.ourheritage.tierranet.com/naming-patterns.html> :

Our ancestors often used the following naming pattern when selecting a name for a new child. This explains why certain names are very common in a family line. Watching for these patterns can help in your genealogy research.

Naming pattern:

1 st son = father's father	[Zachariah]
2 nd son = mother's father	[John L.]
3 rd son = father	[Stark]
4 th son = father's oldest brother	
5 th son = father's second oldest brother or mother's eldest brother	

1 st daughter = mother's mother	[Samantha]
2 nd daughter = father's mother	
3 rd daughter = mother	
4 th daughter = mother's oldest sister	
5 th daughter = mother's second oldest sister or father's	

oldest sister

- [] = Henry Baker's oldest children from the Walton Co., FL census 1860 & 1870. The 3rd son definitely fits this pattern and the 2nd son probably fits. If the 1st son follows pattern, Henry's paternal grandfather was Zachariah.
- Another note: The name Zachariah has not been found in the MORRISON family, Henry's maternal grandfather.

It is also common to use:

the mother's maiden name as a second name;
the surname of close friends as a second name;
give another child exactly the same name as a previous child who had died; or
give a child the name of a relative or friend who had recently died.

Ron, Was just told about your website and have been through the more recent newsletters. Nicely done. Don't spot "MY" Baker so decided to drop you a note.

My man is named Augustus "A. A." or "Gus" Baker. I estimate his birth, from the only census I have him in, as born between 1810 - 1820 and probably in the earliest time frame because his wife was born between 1809 - 1812.

In 1840 he was in Barbour Co., AL (p. 56) on same page as Nicholas Baker, possibly related. In 1831 he was mentioned as a buyer at an estate sale for George Bailey in Early Co., GA. He married Susannah Moore (reported to be half-Indian) whose relatives were living in Early Co., GA from about 1820 - 1838.

Nicholas Baker was a winner of a lot in Early Co. which was near where some of the relatives lived and when he sold the lot he was "of Henry Co., AL."

The marriage to Susannah Moore took place about 1831/2 because their first child was born about 1833 in GA. There were no other known children until a daughter born in 1842 in AL. He disappears about this time (assume he died) and his widow remarried to Jason Gardner in 1844 in Henry Co., AL. They moved to Bienville Par., LA by 1850--some of the relatives went about 1845 and some not until 1848. By 1860, Jason Gardner and his two Baker step-daughters were in Hamilton Co., TX but I think they were first in the Weatherford Co./Tarrant Co. area. He appears to be a stock raiser.

Tradition said Augustus Baker was a military man and gone a lot which was supposed to explain the lack of children between the only two known. Another story suggests the possibility that he was killed by Indians. I can't verify either of these two stories.

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Have you run across any information on Augustus Baker in your research or contacts? Would appreciate any help you might be able to give. Gail

Oops: From Lee Sargeant <NADA@highland.net>:

Osiyo, Wado, or Thank you to you Ron for adding part of my Baker line for my elders and people. I did notice a mistake on the marriage date of Rufus Morgan [BAKER] to Ann Elizabeth Culpepper - should read "1839" in place of 1889; must be a typo mistake.

From Dot Baker <DBaker3381@aol.com>:

Ron, I do not know what is going on with your site, and wonder if anyone else had mentioned similar problems. I cannot access your site at all; yet, I have no problems accessing any other sites.

If anyone has troubles with my website I would appreciate hearing from you. More often than not, I am not aware of problems unless someone tells me.

The Ward Family

From Bill Ward <wward@texoma.net>:

Hi Ron, Another good newsletter, per usual. And I'm remiss in sending you information that you might use, so I'll scour what I have and pass on anything that may be relevant. For now, I don't recall if I've sent this newspaper article to you before. It concerns many in N. MS, so it may not be appropriate for your newsletter; you be the judge. But it's interesting for those who may be searching for a Native American link to the WARDs.

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Thursday, July 11, 1940
Pontotoc, Mississippi

GEORGE WARD, 106 YEARS OLD

George Ward, 106 years old, Pontotoc county's oldest citizen and believed to have been the oldest native born citizen of any county in the state, died at his home in the Troy Community early Tuesday morning.

"Uncle" George was born on the later battlefield of Harrisburg, which was in Pontotoc county when the county was organized three years after Uncle George was born - December 1833. His parents were Ben Ward, a Chickasaw Indian, and an Abyssinian slave woman. His father

migrated to the Indian Territory with the rest of his people and Uncle George and his mother became the property of W. P. Civhan, a pioneer planter. He had since lived continuously on and in the neighborhood of the Civhan estate.

Uncle George owned 95 acres of land at the time of his death and had been a farmer all of his life, except for the past two years, when he retired. He had been a tax payer since 1867.

His last visit to Pontotoc was in December of last year. He often related that after Col. Jeffrey Forrest was killed at Prairie Mound, and his famous brother, Gen. N. B. Forrest, was madly chasing the invading Yankees in the direction of Pontotoc, along the Pontotoc-Okolona Road, Mr. Civhan ordered his slaves to gather up the dead soldiers. The number was eighty. A long trench was dug by the road side near the old Morrow place, just north of Troy, and here the remains were interred.

Surviving relatives include one daughter, who is now 67 years old.

===== end of article =====

I enjoyed the article on Daniel WARD messing around with another man's wife. Another branch of my family is in a tizzy trying to figure out who that David HICKY fellow was and if he's related to our HICKEY line out of Halifax Co., VA (1700s) or not.

Here's hoping you'll get enough to continue with a semi-annual issue of the newsletter!

Bill Ward, Pottsboro, TX

From Gail Piggott <GPig7060@aol.com>:

Have just begun using internet for genealogy research and found your newsletter. My interest is in the Piggott/Ward family that left Darlington, SC and settled in Conecuh County, AL. My husband's family is: Rickie Piggott, Harding Piggott, D.C. Piggott, James Henry Piggott, James Madison Piggott, Thomas Piggott (w. Katherine Ward). I would appreciate any information from anyone interested in the same line. We live in Auburn, AL, and still have family in Butler and Covington Co. Ala. Plan to have a "working" at the old Piggott Cemetery in the spring if anyone is interested in joining us. Gail Burkett Piggott, 170 Lee Road 672, Auburn, AL 36830 - (334) 821-7060, gpiaggott@yahoo.com or gpig7060@aol.com.

From Mary Jane Duke <larlex@surfsouth.com>:

Hi Ron, You are such an interesting person and so

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knowledgeable. I enjoyed your message so much. I immediately went to your home page and did some looking and reading. Would you please list my email address for your newsletters, etc. I am sure by now that Suzanne has contacted you about Miles Ward, I just retrieved a message from her that she had written to you. I could sit here all night and look and read, but I must arise very early in the AM. My brother told me you were the expert on the Wards and I see he was absolutely right. Most of the information that we have was given to us several years ago. There is a Creek Indian Reservation about 12 miles from us outside of a little town called Whigham, Ga. and much of the information I have came from them. They told me that Elizabeth English was born here in Decatur County, that she was actually not an English but a Johnson. Supposedly she and her brother escaped from a wagon during an Indian removal, hid in the swamps of the Flint River and was found by a man named James English. He was a half-breed Creek Indian, who was a Christian, took them into his home and raised them as his own, thus giving them the name English. I have never heard what her brother's name was. She was supposedly around 12 or 14 years of age when this took place. Peggy McCormack (of the Tama Indian Reservation) told me she had seen the adoption papers of Elizabeth English in the courthouse here, that they were in a roll tied with a ribbon, but the Probate Judge would not let her open them. She also said that these records were upstairs in the attic of the courthouse. If this is actually true, there's no telling where these records may be now because they are renovating the courthouse and all of the offices and records have been moved out of the courthouse. Supposedly they have documentation to the info they gave us since the government used this info to list us (and many others) on the Federal Rolls. As you say, not everything cut in stone is accurate. I have to believe there is definitely Indian ancestry however, because of the features of my grandmother and many of the Ward descendants, including myself, I have dark hair and very high cheekbones, and even with my very blue eyes I am frequently asked if there is Indian ancestry. I certainly do not have all the answers and those I do have sometimes leave questions in my mind. I sometimes wish I was a psychic and could give all the right names, dates, events and everything to anyone who was interested. I do know one thing to be factual, James B. Ward and Elizabeth English Ward are buried in Ala. on private property in a very secluded place. My brother has been to the grave and has photos of it. I want him to take me there so I can see it for myself, perhaps have my pic taken at the gravesite, just in case some of my children or grandchildren may later be interested. Well it is getting late and I have babbled long enough for now. Please keep

in touch and so will I. On my next correspondence I will give you what I have on my Ward lineage.

Regards, Mary Jane

A question originally posed by Mary Jane Duke
<larlex@surfsoouth.com> to Frank Ward <fward@ghg.net>

I wonder if you can help me out here. Do you know if James B. Ward [Dale Co., AL] was called "JIM BEAR". My brother has some info that he hand copied (he can't remember where he got the info off the top of his head) that says this and he also had written "per affidavit" beside this info.

Response in comments from Ralph Odell Ward's e-mail
<rowlsw@mindspring.com>:

James B. Ward was called "Jim Bear" because he killed a bear at Bear Creek, near his home in Alabama. The creek is still called "Bear Creek."

We had heard the "Jim Bear story" since the mid-80s but it was supposed to be his Indian name. We didn't know any difference, until we met Cousin Bessie Daughtrey, and she said that he was known by that name, only because he killed a bear at a little creek near his home. He picked up the nickname, "Jim Bear" and the little creek became known as Bear Creek.

Jerry Merritt found the following summary at the new LDS website <<http://www.familysearch.com/>>:

*James B. WARD, b. 1798, SC; m. 1814 Turbough, NC
Elizabeth ENGLISH. She was b. 1800, GA; d. 25 Dec 1888
AL. Submitter: Aline Tatum Morris, 2095 Morris Rd.,
Cottondale, FL 32431.*

A search of the Internet White pages by Jerry located Mrs. Morris. Ralph Odell Ward followed up on this information and called. Mrs. Morris said that Ada Brown, wife of Judge Brown, county Judge of Holmes County, wrote a book several years ago, that was never published. Mrs. Brown had a few copies printed and gave a copy to her family and close friends. Mrs. Morris can find no reference for the source of the information. Jerry, Ralph, and I are all in agreement that this place of marriage is very questionable. By the way, there is no "Turborough" in NC, but there is a Tarboro in Edgecombe County.

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In newsletter #5, I have the following note:

"War Widows of 1812 - A Nancy WARD of River Mills, Dale Co., AL drew a pension of \$8/mo. in Jul 1878."

In Newsletter #7, page 7:

"In Index to War of 1812 Pensioners Files' by White, I found the following: Nancy Ward was the widow of Samuel P. WARD,....."

From Randall Ward <rbward@flash.net>:

I am trying to find anything on my 3rd great-grandfather Samuel Pollus Ward. He was born in S. Carolina in 1792 and married Nancy Leonard who was born in 1796 in GA. I have his children's names, but I need his parents as well as Nancy's. They lived in Dale Co., Alabama. My 2nd great-grandfather James Robert Ward moved his family to Texas in 1868 after Samuel's death. The rest of Samuel's children, we think, remained in Alabama. His children are:

James Robert, b. 1822
Nancy, b. 1827
Ephsey, b. E. 1833
Sarah E., b. 1835
Redding L., b. 1837
Nancy, b. 1839
Samuel E., b. 1840

I hope that you can help me find Samuel's parents. I feel like there may be a link to some of the Wards that you have listed.

In response to my reply pointing out the newsletter excerpts:

This is the same Nancy that was Samuel's wife. I do have her pension number; it is 7,232. Samuel did serve in the War of 1812; he served in Capt. Mathew Hodges' Co. Ga. Mil. How would you go about finding Nancy's app. for pension? I have her address as River Mills and also have Samuel's address as Newton Post. I don't know if he lost all his land after the war or not. I have all his land records. My 2nd g-grandfather came to Texas after Samuel's death and Nancy and the rest of his family stayed in Alabama.

From <beattie615@ameritech.net>:

My name is Myra Teal Beattie and I am trying to find information on my great-grandfather. His name on his death certificate is Warren Ashley Ward, b. April 29, 1877 in Walton County, Florida; d. June 3, 1965 in Brunswick, GA; buried in Perry, FL, Woodlawn Cem.

We know for a fact that Warren Ashley Ward is a grandson of James B. Ward. Our problem is that we do not know which son of James B. Ward is the father of my Warren Ashley Ward. We were told it was one of three sons. John Jackson Ward, Diamond Joe Ward, or Benjamin Ward. I saw on your website that you have a Warren Ashley Ward listed as a son for Diamond Joe Ward, but the dates do not match. I also saw that under Benjamin Franklin WARD you have a Warren Ward listed, but the birth date is a year off. Also, you have listed under John Green WARD a Warren Ward with the same birth year, but nothing else. I did not know that John Green Ward had a son named Warren.

Can you please help me find out which one of these Warren Wards is my great grandfather? I have a copy of his death certificate that I will be willing to share a copy of if you like, but it lists his parents in it as unknown. I know he married Elizabeth Manning (her real name may be Ella Elizabeth Manning) and they had several children. I only know of Burnice Ward, Mary Emma Ward (My grandmother) and a son who we're not sure, but was either Paul Burton Ward or Wade Ward. There are several others daughters, but I am not sure of their names. I do know that Mary Emma Ward married my grandfather Louis Aaron Teal and her sister Burnice married Louis Aaron Teal's brother Kenneth Teal.

I have found a family history tree on the Wards on the internet other than yours, but I am finding that the information on it is not complete. I would be VERY grateful for any help that you can give me. I am very interested in learning more about the Ward family. I have contacted the Florida Tribe of Creek Indians and they have a ton of Wards including James B. Ward listed as Enrolled Creek Indians. I am willing to share what little information I have with you if you like. Thank you.

Myra Teal Beattie, 615 Douglas Ave Apt# I-1, Holland, MI 49424 - (616) 392-5906

From <GEWard1@aol.com> re Wards in LA:

Ron, Enjoyed your site very much; nice job. Do you know of any sources of information about Ward's in LA? I have 1850 Census data that places my relative there.

Julia Ward age 35, Charles 16, George 14, Ann 12, and Margaret 6. No male head of household listed. They lived in Jackson, East Feliciana Parish. Where they went next or how they got there is a mystery. Next threads for my relatives pick around 1900 in New Jersey so obviously I'm missing a generation or two. The 1860 Census does not list them.

Any ideas about where to look next would be appreciated. Thanks again. Gary

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Rest in Peace

From Mary Smith of Pensacola, FL:

Hi ! Ron, I found one of the other obits that I got. I got this one on Monday. They had a short one, but they didn't have a long one. This one is of William Andrew Ward, 88, of Molino died Thursday, April 15, 1999. Services, 2 P. M. today. (which is Saturday, April 17th 1999) Flomaton (Ala.) Funeral Home directing.

I do not know where, or if, this WARD fits in. Can anyone help us?

Hither & Yon

From Mark Curenton <curenton@gtcom.net>:

Dear Ron:

This past weekend I visited the library at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. One of the items I copied was an article out of the 1864 Mobile paper about an expedition to Walton County by Confederate troops from Pollard, Alabama. I thought you would like it since it mentions a Ward who lived down by Rocky Bayou.

Sincerely, Mark C. Curenton

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Col. Holland's Florida Expedition.

CAMP SECTION of TARRANT'S BATTERY}
McDade's Pond, Fla., April 7, 1864.)

Just one month ago, Mr. Editor, we left Pollard, Ala., on a scout to the bayous and bays of the Gulf of Mexico, forming the Florida coast east of Pensacola. The command consisted of about 400, to-wit: a part of the 37th Mississippi Regiment of Infantry, one company of Cavalry and a section of Tarrant's Battery – Sergts Turner's and Lawrence's pieces under Lieutenant Tarrant. The cavalry was commanded by Lieuts. McCurdy and Fitzpatrick, and the whole command under the orders of Col. Holland of the infantry. Our first day's march was by rails to Sparta, the county town of Conecuh, where we met with a most hospitable reception; the ladies manifesting their joy and sympathies for our cause by an invitation "to trip the light fantastic toe" at an evening party. Our soldiers accepted the honor with becoming grace. I was "a looker on in

"Vienna," and, judging from that position, all were exceedingly happy. Our next march brought us to Brooklyn, on the Sepulga river, where we were welcomed amid bright faces, the waving of white kerchiefs and miniature flags. The evening of the next march was through rain, in an unsettled region, and we bivouacked the night of the 9th of March in a storm which drenched us so thoroughly that most of the night was spent drying ourselves and our baggage by great heaps of fat pine logs; for we were without tents, making the ground and blankets our bed, the canopy of heaven our shelter. The country through which we marched next day is poor barren piney woods, with now and then a hut. We reached Yellow river next morning, which was so swollen that we were detained 21 hours. On the night of the 12th, by a forced march, we arrived at Gentsville, on McDade's Pond, the smooth and placid surface of which, with its crescent form, render it as beautiful a sheet of water as the classic little lake of Como, and worthy of a name as euphonious. If Spanish and Seminole history were examined, no doubt such a name could be found. It covers about 2,000 acres, and is said to contain a variety of fine fish. Here we remained quietly until the 18th, when Col. Holland being about to send the cavalry to the coast, and our artillery being unsuited for the expedition, 16 of us volunteered, under Lieut. Tarrant, as an artillery troop, and joined Lieut. McCurdy, making about 50 men in all. Our march, over "the land of Flowers," to my great surprise, presented to view nothing but sand hills, poor barren plains, with dwarf spruce and long-leaf pines, with now and then a scrubby black jack or live oak. The monotony of the scene, however, was occasionally broken by clear running branches, creeks, and wide rivers bordered with a rich growth of the bay, magnolia, wax myrtle and jessamine; but I saw no large bodies of rich land from Pollard to Choctawhatchie Bay.

Fifteen miles this side of the coast the command was divided – McCurdy's proceeding down Boggy Bayou, and the Artillery Troop, placed under the direction of Lieut. Cannady, with his Sergeant added, was sent lower down on Rocky Bayou. Seven miles this side of the coast Lieut. Cannady obtained a guide, who conducted the Troop to a little shanty hideout in a thicket, immediately on the beach of Choctawhatchie bay, and on the premises of one Ward, a large stock-raiser, who had previously moved his residence over to a small island near the blockaders, where he could live under the protection of his Yankee friends. The deserters who inhabited the shanty seemed to have gotten wind of our approach, and we arrested only one. We, however, captured a horse, a small quantity of Yankee corn, bacon, salt fish and nice beef put up in 4 lb. Cans, with the stamp of "John W. Jones, Portland, Maine." That night, having burnt the shanty and a wagon, and fired the fence, we camped at Ward's houses, one mile from the

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beach, and placed out our pickets to prevent a surprise from deserters or the landing of Yankee vessels; for I am sure no Yankee foot then pressed our soil at that point of the coast. At midnight, when putting out the second relief of pickets, I enjoyed the beautiful moonlight ride of a mile down the white sandy beach, in two feet of the calmly rolling billows. We slept undisturbed. Next morning we breasted the woods and drove out 175 head of cattle to Cowpens, where we arrived at 8 o'clock at night, making a junction with McCurdy, who had driven out about 100 head. One of our men, in passing up the Bayou, fired on two deserters in a small boat, but they were too far from the shore for his shot to take effect. As we marched on during the day the deep boom of the Yankee guns could be distinctly heard, shelling the coast, I suppose, where our command had been. We learned from McCurdy's command that Col. Holland and Captain Davis joined them after we parted, and that they had a small brush with about 15 deserters who had taken to a sort of barge, killing two and sinking the boat with all on board. No casualty on our side. On the morrow we continued our march together, gathering more cattle, as we drove through wind and rain and storm, until we increased the number to 500 head; arriving safely with them on the 22d of March at McDade's Pond.

Since that time we have remained with our guns without any incident worthy of record - the soldiers amusing themselves with an occasional turkey hunt or foraging expedition: but the cavalry have been scouring the country, gathering up deserters and cattle. I learn at headquarters that some fifty prisoners have been sent back to Pollard, 1000 head of cattle to our rear, and that five deserters caught with dogs, arms in hand resisting, have been hanged. It is evident that no organized force of Yankees or deserters is posted in this region, but the deserters and conscripts are skulking - hiding out to avoid the authorities. Holly, the Representative of Covington, fled before our advance, and his property has been confiscated wherever found. It is said that he went to Santa Rosa Island. Most of the cattle, I am told, belonged to this renegade, whose malignity may cause him to induce the Yankees, if possible, to make a raid through Florida and this part of Alabama.

A report of this expedition which has been published is erroneous, in that it makes the impression that the affair with the deserters was with, and the cattle captured from, the Yankees.

BLONDEL.

From another e-mail from Mark:

The Holley mentioned in the newspaper article from 1864 about Col. Holland's expedition to Walton County is Alfred

Holley, the state representative from Covington County, Alabama. He opposed secession and voted against most of the measures in support of the war that came before the Alabama legislature. In 1864 he fled to the Union forces in Pensacola and aided them throughout the rest of the war. After the war he moved to Milton, Florida with his family and later to Pensacola, where he operated a general merchandise store until his death in 1885.

The WARD mentioned in the article is most likely William Marion WARD, son of Elijah W. WARD & Sarah COCHRAN, who lived in this same area.

This Walton Co. excerpt from an 1870 map of W. FL shows Wardville ("Ward V.") very close to where Crestview is located today.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flokaloo/1870c.gif>



With Thanks & Appreciation: To those of you who sent donations that I returned. With the future of the newsletter somewhat questionable, I am reluctant to accept money at this time. I do, however, appreciate the thoughts. And thanks to all who have made this edition possible.

Coming next issue: Again, I am uncertain, but I will make every effort to keep it biannual. I have emptied the coffers on this one and was pleasantly surprised I could come up with seven pages. I have commented to several of you that I thought it would be short, but as I started putting it together I kept finding more and more items that I had set aside.

And please remember that I do need to hear from you!

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Wards & Bakers of the Deep South

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"The family is one of nature's masterpieces."
George Santayana, The Life of Reason

Too often in my research over the years I have found myself trapped in the U. S. mail, e-mail, the telephone, or in the Dallas library. I love all of this, but I seldom get to actually meet the folks with whom I come in contact. Since I live in Texas, the result is a lot of long distance relationships.

Last October I had the pleasure to meet Ralph Ward, some know him as Odell, and his wife Lillian at their Florida home. I have known Ralph almost ten years, but this was our first meeting. We talked about a lot of things and, of course, we did talk a little family history. Lillian shares this interest and I was more than a little envious. My wife has always encouraged me in my genealogical pursuits, but has never been interested enough to really get involved in the research herself. I have a feeling there is not much these two do that is not done together and that covers almost 52 years. Unlike a lot of us who did not grow up with the computer, they do not seem to be the least bit intimidated with the computer age.

For those who do not know Ralph, he is a descendant of James B. & Elizabeth English WARD, down through William Josiah (Diamond Joe) WARD, William Jasper WARD, and Rufus Reddin WARD. He knows as much, or more, about this family as anyone I know. If you are researching this family you will be missing out on a wonderful opportunity if you do not talk or visit with him. Once you get to know him he might even tell you about his fish. For me, this was about ten years too long. We may or may not be cousins, but I am very proud to call Ralph and Lillian Ward my friends.

Jerry Merritt and I have collaborated on what we feel is a very important effort. It is two editorials titled **"Caution: Ward Research Roadblocks Ahead"** and **"A Warning to Ward Researchers."** They take a critical look at the WARD research of S. AL and W. FL and the major

so-called documents that are in circulation. It was intended to be printed in this newsletter and posted at my website, but we soon found out that it was impossible to tell this story the way it needed to be told and keep it short. Because of its length, it will only be found at my website:

<http://members.home.net/pamajo/Roadblocks.htm>

This effort began in December and we spent considerable time and effort in trying to ensure that our message was clear yet not a personal attack on any individuals. Some of you know my opinions on this subject through private exchanges, but I have been very reluctant to use the newsletter as a forum. Jerry and I, as well as a number of others we have talked with, feel that the growth and potential of the Internet is such that it has become very important to make this statement where it can also be easily assessable.

I want to thank Jerry for taking the time to be a part of this effort. We want to thank Dianne Larson Ward of Olympia, WA for taking the time to provide us with some very constructive feedback and proof work. Her husband descends from James B. WARD, down through Wm. Josiah, Wm. Jasper, and Jobie Jason (his father).

Jerry and I both welcome your comments, pro and con, and hope that you will read this editorial with an open mind and in the spirit in which it is intended. We do not have all of the answers yet, but feel we are much closer to finding them if we remove some of these misconceptions.

The Baker Family

Another recent project of mine was to rewrite the biography of Starkes BAKER. We have learned so much more about him since I published my book in 1992 and a large part of the credit goes to Jim Thompson of Austin, TX. This biography was posted on the Bios page of the Walton Co., FL USGenWeb site in December:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flwalton/walton.htm>

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Since this required a basic text file, I was not able to use formatting, photos, or links. This also precluded the use of footnotes, but I did include a bibliography at the end. A more complete and polished version can be found at my website:

<http://members.home.net/gronj/bakerbio.htm>

Jim Thompson <thompson@physics.utexas.edu> sent me the basic information found in the lore of the BAKER family a few years back. It was recorded by Starks W. BAKER, the son of George W. BAKER and grandson of Starks BAKER. I recently received scanned files from Jim who has the originals. From of pages 1 & 2 of 4:

"Family Record Ancestors and Relatives of GW Baker"

"Starks Baker, father of G. W. Baker, Born in Arkansas Co. Tenn. in 1791. Died July 3d, 1868, aged 77 years.

"No records obtainable as to birth or name of parents.

At the age of 7 years, his father died. ~~at the age of 9~~. His stepfather's treatment was so bad until he left home and went to work at a still as a millboy, making 2 trips of 6 miles each way carrying corn to be ground for mash.

At the age of 9 he went with Gen. Jackson and was with him for 7 years. Nothing more is known of his life until he married in Holmes Co. Florida.

Mother of G. W. Baker Mary Caroline Baker, nee Morrison Born in Bibb Co., S. C. in 1810. Died at Grapeland, Tx Houston Co., 1882.

To this union were 3 boys and 3 girls. Henry, Murdock, George, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Martha.

Henry married Nellie Morrison, a cousin. Murdock married Catherine Fowler. George married Julia P. Bostick. Catherine married Cillistine Ward. Elizabeth married Robt. Senterfeit. Martha married J. B. Clary."

As with most lore the facts get skewed over time and we have to factor this in when we try to make sense out it. I have covered this before, but here are the discrepancies:

1. There is no such county in Tennessee named Arkansas. The only one starting with the letter "A" is Anderson. There is an Arkansas Co., AR, but it was not formed until 1813. Starks military record states he was born in NC; the census TN.

2. According to Starks' military record he was b. 1798; according to the 1850 and 1860 Walton Co., FL censuses he was b. 1800 and 1802.
3. Starks was 16 when he enlisted in the Army in 1814 and he served 5 years before being discharged in 1819. He could have lied about his age and he could have had some association with the Army before he actually enlisted.
4. Starks m. ca 1820 and Holmes Co., FL was not yet created. The area of FL where he and Mary first resided was in Escambia Co., but became Holmes Co. when it was created in 1848.
5. There is not a county in SC named Bibb. There is a Bibb Co., AL where Malcolm MORRISON lived after leaving W. FL; it is possible, not likely, he is her father.

From Donna Hollowell <donnarae@ebicom.net>:

I really enjoyed viewing your site. My ancestor is Elizabeth Jane Hickey who m. Thomas J. Baker 10 July 1844 in Marshall Co., MS. (see 19th edition, letter to E. J. Baker from J. J. Rockett). This family was in MS by 1846 and Thomas J. Baker died when he went back to visit Marshall Co., AL in 1850 (see guardianship rec. of dau. Emily Elizabeth Baker in Lafayette Co., MS). Keep up the good work. Donna in MS.

The Ward Family

In the 16th (page 4) and 17th (page 7) newsletters I related to you information re new headstones at Pine Barren Cemetery, Escambia Co., FL. These markers are for Elijah WARD, William WARD, and Covall NICHOLS and are located just to the right, as you face the headstone, of James M. WARD. The problem is that it is not stated that the markers are memorial in nature and leads one not familiar with the family to believe that these three men are actually buried there. They are not buried there and are not even buried in this county!

There is more to this story. I had forgotten what Merline Booher of Pensacola, FL told me years ago about this cemetery. Ralph Ward recently gave me a copy of a letter Merline had written her brother J. W. back in 1978 and in it she relates the same information. An excerpt from that letter:

"Went back to see Mattie Kimmons last Saturday. She and her daughter had just come back from Cantonment - that's where they buy groceries. She rode with us to the cemetery and showed us where Martha Ward is buried - on the right side of James Melvin Ward. The Gilley and Gandy family

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plot is next to their graves and the coping is just about down the middle of Martha's grave. There was no marker of any sort there so they [the Gilley/Gandy family] didn't know about the grave. Mattie said she used to keep it up when she was young, but had just quit through the years..... It's a shame there isn't something done about it and a marker put up for Mattie is just about the last one left that knows about the graves. Her grandmother, Mary Grimes, is buried to James Melvins' left [right as you face headstone] and then a son and daughter of Uncle Dock [James Riley Ward] next."

So not only are the three men not buried to the right of James M. WARD, the stones are on top of the three unmarked graves. By the way, Mattie lived in Pine Barren all her life and that was 102 years. She would certainly have known where her grandmother was buried as well as the other two unmarked graves. Merline and her brother eventually placed a marker on Martha Nichols WARD's grave.

In the last newsletter I included Randall Ward's query re Samuel Pollus WARD. Since then he has been in contact with Jerry Merritt. Randall Ward <rbward@flash.net> to Jerry Merritt <jerrym@pcola.gulf.net> excerpt of info not found in the last newsletter:

I show that Samuel lived between William Godwin and William Foxworth in 1850, in Dale Co. census. Samuel owned land in Dale Co. reads as Doc. 9317 land office Sparta, section #31, township 7 North, range 24 East, Survey St. Stephens Meridian, Acreage 40. I show that he owned 515 acres. His son James Robert owned just about the same amount.

From Jerry Merritt <jerrym@pcola.gulf.net> to Randall Ward <rbward@flash.net>:

Randall, I stopped by the Pensacola Library this afternoon and traced Samuel back to Wilkinson County, GA in 1820. This really surprised me since that is where James B. Ward was in 1820 and it is a very small county. In Baldwin, an adjacent small county, was Benj. Leonard and his wife both over 45. This may be Nancy's father. Leonard was in Baldwin County in 1810 and 1815 and in Hancock County in 1804 and 1796. He probably didn't move as Baldwin County was formed from Hancock. It also appears from the 1860 census that Eppsie E. married Henry Matthews since she was listed the next family down in that census.

On the next page in the 1820 Wilkinson County census was a James Ward -- one of two in that county in

1820. One of them is James B. Ward but it's hard to tell which one from the data available.

In short, Samuel may well be a brother to James B. Ward. Nothing I've seen so far refutes that assertion. It might be worthwhile for Samuel Pollus and James B. researchers to study that group of Wards in Wilkinson County in 1820 real hard.

One more factor in favor of Samuel and James being brothers though it's not a clincher by any means. There is a possible family for James B. in 1800 SC. On page 928 of the Sumpter County census is John WARD listed as: 20110-20100-02. We can see immediately that he has two males with him in Samuel's and James B. WARD's age bracket. This John Ward is suspected as a potential father for James B. because of the nearness on some other people who were known to have been associated with John and because of the nearness of John and James B. in 1813 in addition to other clues that don't prove anything but still lend some support to a father and son relationship. Jerry

From Bob Doherty <rsdoh@HiWAAY.net> of AL:

I found the following Ward information. It is entitled:

1867 Voter Registration, White males, Loyalty Oaths, Individual Pardon Applications, Mobile County, Alabama Incl. City of Mobile.

The page columns (L to R) are as follows:

Volume, Co/City, Pg, ED, Date Registered, Name, I/X (signatures - x=no write, I=initials), Where born, When naturalized, Where naturalized.

2	city	155	1	22 Jun 1867	Ward, Alfred G.
2	city	439	3	29 Jun 1867	Ward, Benjamin I.
2	city	119	1	21 Jun 1867	Ward, Edward
4	co	78	3	24 Jan 1868	Ward, Elijah C.
7	city	352	5	7 Jul 1867	Ward, Patrick Ireland
				19 Oct 1865 NY Ct of common pleas, Nath. Jarvis, Clk	
7	city	322	1	7 Jul 1867	Ward, Patrick Ireland
				Apr 1858 St. Louis, MO Ct of common Pleas	
3	co	399	4	18 Jul 1867	Ward, Samuel X
2	co	160	5	1 Aug 1867	Ward, Tarlton S. X

I don't know if you already had this information but I had never seen it before. Maybe you can use it. Bob

From Ward H. Oliver <Drwhobrla@aol.com> - his mailing address: 9025 Nolen Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810-2710:

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Hi, Ron - Patrick Lee told me of your site, and there I found three more descendants of Thomas Ward. I also have ordered Wyley Ward's book on Thomas. [*] For your letter and information, my Ward connection:

I descend from Thomas Ward, b. VA 1761, d. Conecuh Co., AL 1845 (+ Ann Goodson) through his son William (+ Margaret), their son Ira (+ Rachel Etheridge), their son Caleb Stephen Ward (7/2/1851 Conecuh - 10/28/1903 Baldwin) and wife Vina Trawick (9/9/1851 Conecuh - 6/27/1937 Baldwin), their daughter Mary (10/22/1889 Conecuh - 1/2/1974 Mobile) m. 1924 Percy W. Oliver (11/7/1875 (Mobile) - 8/15/1943 Baldwin), then me: Ward H. Oliver, 4/20/1930, Mobile.

Caleb and Irwin Ward, brothers, came to Canby, AL (Baldwin County) from Conecuh County in the mid 1890's. The town was named for the Yankee General Canby because he camped in the area before attacking Mobile. When the railroad came through in 1905, the name of the town was changed to Stapleton.

[Ward & Co., 29 South Court Square, Andalusia, AL 36420 - \$5 + \$1.50 mailing]

From Janice Rediker <tigerag@gulfnet.com> of Foley, AL:

Hi Ron, Guess who. Well I drift in and out. I have found some very interesting info and you may well have it, but I'll send it if you don't. I now have proof (a bible record with Thomas Piggott and Katie Ward's marriage and date. It has Thomas Ward in it and dates. This lady is right here in AL 10 miles from me. I was not believing my eyes when someone emailed me and said where she lived not knowing where I lived. Boy, shock of shocks! Anyway, if you're interested in sharing it let me know. I know it's not your line, but in the interest of the Ward research I thought if you don't already know about it. A bit of other info also. Look forward to hearing from you. Jan

The scanned images of the bible record are very good quality and if you want a copy of these files please let me know. I am sure Janice would like to hear from you too!

From Judith Bishop <rossb@pdq.net> - her mailing address is 311 S. Silvershire Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77381:

Hello Ron, I have enjoyed reading your homepage and Ward genealogy. I am the granddaughter of Asa Lee Ward, son of Benjamin Franklin Ward, son of James B. Ward. My Father was Asa's youngest child, Willard N. Ward. I have not read your entire homepage, but would like to copy it for closer perusal. I started my genealogy

work only a year or so ago, relying on family stories and knowledge from my childhood. Asa Ward had 8 children who lived to adulthood and I know a good deal about their histories. I also know what was told to me about Benjamin Franklin Ward. My Aunt Artie Lee Ward Campbell, one of my grandfather's daughters, researched our family information. She passed away at age 96 in 1994. I will be glad to share what I know with you. Judith Anne Ward Bishop, if you are interested.

From Stephen Edge <Edge.Stephen@fulton.k12.ga.us>:

Ron, Hi, just wanted you to know that your website is awesome. I'm originally from DeFuniak Springs and I am descended from Sarah Ward and Jesse Edge. Tracing one's genealogy is so much more interesting when there are stories like you've shared with everyone.

I just finished reading Eugenia Price's "Don Juan McQueen," about a Savannah Revolutionary War hero who became embroiled in land speculation after the war and had to flee his debtors. He became a Spanish Citizen in St. Augustine in the 1790s and was (had to be) christened in the Catholic Church. Perhaps that is why Elijah is listed as being "born" at age 30.

I also was going to tell you about the Mobile Register Civil War article that mentions old man Ward, but I see that you were the one to send it in. Anyway, thanks for making (in my case) dog-paddling in the Internet so interesting. Regards, Stephen Edge

Sarah WARD was the daughter of John E. WARD & Mary G. COUSINS, and granddaughter of Elijah W. WARD.

From Gail Gallagher-Kilpatrick <GKilpa4560@aol.com>:

Ron, I really enjoyed your site. It was so interesting with the stories and the pictures. I have a GGGGrandmother Elizabeth WARD that was born around 1814 to 1816 either in NC or GA, but in about 1832 she was in Ashe County, NC. She met an Isaac Jefferson Roam (he left a family) and took Elizabeth to Overton, TN. There they stayed for a few years before moving to Pulaski County, MO. I was always told that she was Cherokee Indian, but lived somewhere around the Creek Indians. She loved her heritage of the Indians and taught her children to be proud of being an Indian. She made the women in the family Indian necklaces. Her granddaughter's (on my side) last living request was to be buried with her Indian necklace her grandmother made for her. I have just started doing this research, but other relatives are: Garrett,

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Nolan, and Nichols. And in the family she named children: Mary, Nancy, Elizabeth, Henry, Joel, Sarah, Catherine, Tennessee (nickname Tenn). Would you know if WE might fit into your line somewhere?? Gail Gallagher-Kilpatrick, RT 4 Box 555, Atlanta, Texas 75551.

From Harry Downing <harry.downing@worldnet.att.net>:

I realize your research was done some time ago, but I need a location for the birthplace of John Green Ward's five children. I have unfortunately run into discrepancies regarding how many children he really had. If you have the research as to where each of them was born I intend to visit the county to verify the information and expand it to the present day. I would be happy to share my results with you. If you no longer have the data perhaps you could point me in the right direction.

From Jean Silverthorne <jsilver@texasonline.net>:

Ron, You have done a phenomenal amount of work--and how kind of you to share with others! I appreciate the fact that you have documented so well. I also appreciate your disclaimer, particularly paragraph number two! I can relate to that one!

One of your readers directed me to your site, and would I have been so lucky to find the Ward I am seeking among your vast accumulation of history! I must say my Ward has been a great puzzle and I have never been able to find any clues to the whereabouts of this family.

Martha Ann MCLEMORE b. 1843, MS, m. M. L. WARD 9 Nov 1865 in Clarke Co., MS. Where were they after the marriage? There was a Milton WARD also in Clarke Co. (Shubuta) in 1870 enumerated with Edward McCarty, a farmer from S.C. With him is a child, Eugene Ward, age 2. If this is the same family, what happened to Martha Ann? Did she die in childbirth? Or is this just another family of Wards?

In my desperation to find out what happened to M. L. and wife, I ordered a CW pension application, which turned out to be the wrong M. L. Ward. It is for Milton Lafayette Ward, b. AL, of Hopkins Co. TX. I will be glad to send it to anyone who is a descendant of this man.

I have another Ward who was also in Clarke Co., MS. He was Horace Ward, b. Dec 1853, MS, and married Samala J. Moore, b. Dec 1855. She had a brother, W. H. Moore. Both were supposed to be orphans. Horace's father was W. A. Ward, and his mother, L. J. Ward. Both were b. in S.C. Would like to know about the Moore connection.

I would greatly appreciate any information that you or the readers of your newsletter could offer on these Wards. Thank you. Jean

The following story is about Monroe WARD, son of James B. & Elizabeth English WARD; source obscure.

Many years ago one of our very elderly cousins, told me that she remembered him and told me something that he said. She said that he had a girl friend that lived at Geneva, Ala. He would have to walk West to the Choctawhatchee River and get in a boat and "scull" it upstream to Geneva, to see his Darling. Well, anyone that is familiar with the Choctawhatchee, knows that it is pretty swift water, and sculling a boat upstream in it is a man-size job. He would have to work so hard sculling the boat up river, until he would be exhausted when he finally reached his destination. So he reasoned that the river should flow in one direction on one side of the river and in the opposite direction on the other side of the river. In that way he would not have to work so hard to get to see his "sweetie."

The following is from Patricia Ward (wardp@db.erau.edu) of Ormond Beach, FL whose husband Dean descends from David WARD of Walton Co., FL:

Ron, I have not written lately, but I wanted to mention some information.

We were in Pensacola for 10 days during Thanksgiving and I had a chance to visit relatives, get some old pictures, and talk about family. Dean's sister, Audrey, and I spent about 3 hours at the home of Rufus and Patsey Ard. She had 3 photo albums of their family history. I happened to mention that someone, somewhere must have a picture or pictures of one David and Ruth's children. Patsey said she did and opened up one of the books to a picture of David Jr. and his wife Mary Hicks Ward. He was a tall man and the top of Mary's head barely came up to his shoulder. They were standing in front of an early vintage car with very thin tires. Another one was of him sitting in a chair with Mary beside him and a child on his lap. I also was able to look at the old bible in Patsey and Rufus' possession. It was printed in 1854. (Mary) Ruth Ward is recorded as born October 14, 1806/07 (hard to read the year). That is the same birthrate as Ruth Kirkland, one of the children of Caleb and Sarah (Sallie) Kirkland in Henry Co., AL which is also recorded in a Kirkland family bible in SE Arkansas. Dr. Peacock, near here in Clarmont, FL, has been working on that part of the puzzle.

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We also visited with Sarah Ward, whose husband Dave died last year. Sarah said his family was also from Walton County.

I also found in my notes of conversations some years ago with Dean's mother, Allie Ward, a reference I wrote "Melightty (spelled the way Allie pronounced it) was a tall woman." Melightty was Melita Ward Enfinger, Allie's grandmother on her paternal line. Melita's brother, William Jackson Ward was Oscar (Allie's husband) Ward's grandfather on his paternal line. Apparently, there was a gene for height in the Ward family. Dean is 6'2" tall as is our son Randall.

While we were in Pensacola, we walked all over the Morgan Cemetery, in Molino, and never did see a headstone for David and Mary Ward. Many of the stone grave covers have no inscriptions on them. Saw a headstone for a Baker, I think. Dean said the original Morgan family lived right across the highway from the cemetery. Molino now have street signs, isn't that something?

Hope all is going well with you in Texas. Thank you for all the many pages of data you have provided to us in this endeavor. Patricia

P.S. Last August I read the obituary of a Gorham Ward in Pierson about 20 miles west of Ormond Beach. I waited a respectful length of time and called his wife. She said he was from Bruce, FL and originally the family came from SE AL. I asked her to check and see what she could find out about their family history from some of the direct Ward line family members. Celia Jones, the DB librarian, has also tried to contact them.

Rest in Peace

I contacted Ralph Ward (rowlsw@mindspring.com) knowing he would likely know Gorham's family.

Hi Ron, I think we can help you on this one. Gorham Everette Ward, b. 1914:

1. Son of William Jesse Ward, b. 1893; d. 1977.
2. Son of John A. Ward, b. 1860; d. 1928.
3. Son of James Madison Ward; b. 1823; d. 1891.
4. Son of James B. Ward, b. 1796; d. 1862.

Gorham is the brother of Sylvester Ward, a Pentecostal Minister, who also lives at Pierson. When Sylvester sings, "When He Reached Down and Touched Me", it will make you want to go to Heaven, right now.

From the Pensacola News Journal via Ralph Ward:

Lena Pearl Ward, 101, of Pensacola, formerly of Walnut Hill, died peacefully, Sunday, January 30, 2000, in her home. She has been an active member of First Pentecostal Church since the early 40's. She is preceded in death by her husband, Smiley Ward; and sons, Raymond O'Dell Ward and James Clifton Ward.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Lanier and Henriette Ward; one brother, Lonnie Mims; three sisters, Mary Lawing, Maggie Green and Malvina Livingston; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at Harper-Morris Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Bayview Cemetery. Pallbearers will be James Clifton Ward, Jr., Michael Ward, Daniel Ward, Raymond Ward, Jr., Joe Marsh and Harvey Marsh. Honorary pallbearers will be James Rogers, Raymond Davis, Ron Lynch, John Jackson and Mike Larson.

Smiley WARD was the son of Henry Harrison (Wardy) WARD & Josephine KELLEY, grandson of Celestine WARD & Catherine BAKER, and great-grandson of both Elijah WARD & Starkes BAKER.

More from Ralph Ward [<rowlsw@mindspring.com>](mailto:rowlsw@mindspring.com):

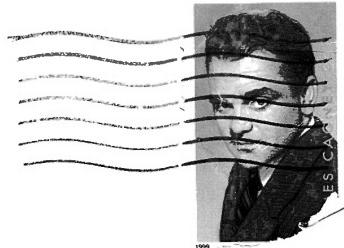
Ron, Here are three obituaries that I thought you would be interested in. Let us tell you who Lovie was:

1. Lovie was the daughter of Oscar Silcox and Jane Pate.
2. Oscar Silcox son of Silvan Silcox & Rebecca WARD.
3. Rebecca was the daughter of John Jackson WARD.
4. John Jackson WARD was the son of James B. WARD and Elizabeth English.
5. Jane Pate had a brother Angus Pate, who married Malzie WARD.
6. Malzie WARD was the daughter of Jessie Joe (J. J.) Ward, son of Diamond Joe WARD.
7. Jane Pate and Angus Pate also had a brother, Dave Pate, who married Ola WARD, daughter of Thomas Franklin WARD, and Welthea Silcox.
8. Thomas Franklin Ward, son of Diamond Joe WARD.
9. Welthea Silcox WARD, sister to Silvan Silcox. (see #2)

As you can see, not only were the WARDS and PURVIS' closely related, so were the WARDS, PATES and SILCOXES. Lovie, was not only closely related to a lot of people at Bruce, she enjoyed singing as much as anyone I have ever known. She was always jolly and full of fun, even after her health failed and she had to use a walker, plus

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our help in standing up to lead the singing. Lovie, was the perfect name for her. She certainly was a lovely Lady, who will really be missed in the church at Bruce and several other churches where she sang. Everyone loved Lovie.

Mrs. Lovie Laird Stanley, Age 88, of Freeport, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, in Pensacola, Fla. Born Aug. 8, 1911, in Bruce, Fla., she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Jane Pate Silcox. Mrs. Stanley was a life-long resident of Walton County, Fla. She was a member of Freeport United Methodist Church where she was a song leader, a public lay speaker, enjoyed preaching and fishing. Lovie was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. Mamma Lovie will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Mrs. Stanley is survived by her son Harry A. and wife Joyce Laird, Jr. of Freeport, Fla.; sister Daphne Caswell of Freeport, Fla.; three grandchildren, Harry A. Laird III and wife Retha, Deserie Byrd and Christy Burham; four great-grandchildren, Harry A. Laird IV, Taylor Ray Laird, Tamara Woods and Chance Byrd and numerous other family members.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stanley will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, in the Freeport United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harry C. Johnson and Mr. Jerry Dickey officiating. Burial will be in Black Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Eckie Caswell, Rodney Caswell, Brailey Caswell, Dennis Caswell, Randy Silcox and Oscar Silcox.

Mr. Charlie, was the son of John A. Ward, who was the son of James Madison Ward, who was the son of James B. Ward. As you can see, he also loved to sing, as I, and most Wards do. His wise counsel and common sense outlook made him a well-respected member of the community. He too will be missed.

Charlie Ward, age 97, of Freeport, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, in a local hospital.

Mr. Ward was a lifelong resident of the Freeport and Bruce, Fla., area. He was Assembly of God by faith and enjoyed gospel singing. He will be missed greatly by all that knew him.

Mr. Ward is survived by one son, A. C. Ward of Freeport; daughters, Altha Tullis of Freeport, Gearldine King of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Earlene Gavin of Freeport, and Montez Carter of Bruce; sister, Anna Infinger of Freeport; 23 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Ward will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Clary-Godwin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Louis Taunton officiating. Burial will follow in Hatcher Cemetery in Freeport.

Elaine was the daughter of Malzie Ward Pate, who was the daughter of Jessie Josiah (J. J.) Ward who was the son of William Josiah (Diamond Joe) Ward. Elaine's husband, Carley R. Daniel, died November 28, 1999. Elaine and Carley were married for 58 years.

Mrs. Elaine Pate Daniel, age 79, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2000 in Panama City. Mrs. Daniel was born June 18, 1920 in Pensacola to Angus Edward and Malzie Ella Ward Pate. She is preceded in death by her husband, Carley Robert Daniel and her father and mother, Angus and Malzie Pate and one brother, Edward Eugene Pate. Mrs. Daniel is survived by one son, Robert Alan Daniel of Mt. Marion, N.Y.; one daughter, Kay Mayne and husband Ron of Panama City; two brothers, Kenna Pate and wife Carol of Bruce, Fla., and Dex Pate and wife Margie of Panama City; three sisters: Zera Denson of Bruce, Pansy Bjorklund of Panama City and Naomi Starr and husband H.E. of Baytown, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at Bruce Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Young officiating. Burial will follow at Dead River Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Bill Angelos, Chuck Tucker, Brett Hertzing, Terry Mayne, James Walters and H. E. Starr. Honorary pallbearers will be Nowling Cox, Jimmy Ward, Jimmy Waits, Early Wilson, Earl Godsey and Michael Calumbo.

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From Joyce Dougherty <anina@worldnet.att.net>:

Read the affidavit in your page by Jesse G. Turner; I have a copy of that. Charles Hubbard Knight was my grandfather and the baby he held in his arms was my Uncle. My father was Jack Knight born October 7, 1911 and Katie Knight Cannon was his sister, my oldest Aunt who married Uncle Wilie Cannon. Many of their children still live in Live Oak, FL. I am totally fascinated, as I have been researching the Creek part for years and gained much information. Thanks for your page! Joyce Dougherty

As always, I want to thank everyone who helped in putting this newsletter together. The early results of a six-month cycle of this newsletter look very encouraging. ☺ But, as with the last newsletter, I have emptied my files once again and I will continue to need a lot of support.

Coming next issue: 1 Sep 2000 Jerry Merritt's "The Mystery Continues."

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GEORGIA LIGHT DRAGOONS

To date, no lists of names of the men in the First Troop Georgia Light Dragoons has been located. Apparently this troop was raised and recruited by Captain Angus McIntosh of the Second Battalion, 71st Highland Regiment, as a special troops unit. Captain Angus McIntosh's Orderly Book is owned by Dallas Historical Society, Dallas, Texas. This manuscript contains daily strength reports from 1778 through 1779, but does not contain muster or pay rolls for this troop. It is not known if the recruits were drawn from the ranks of 71st Highland Battalion or if they were provincials.

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LOYALISTS IN NEW ORLEANS

A List of Loyalists in New Orleans on 2 Dec 1781, as reported to Oliver Pollock by an anonymous writer

Nr	Rank	Name	Remarks
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Moderate Royalists:

1		Jones, James	
2		Jones, Evan	
3		Alexander, Harry, Sen.	
4		Alexander, Harry, Jun.	
5		Castles, George	
6	Captain	Davis, John	
7		Dunbar, William	
8		Strother, William	
9		Ward, Benjamin	
10		Collinson, Thomas	

Violent Royalists:

1		Campbell, John	
2		Dicas, Thomas	
3		Favily,	
4		Gordon, John	
5		Hickey, Daniel	
6		Hutchins, Anthony	
7		Kirke, James	
8		Linton, Bernard	
9		Moore, John	
10		Mathey, James	
11		Marshall, William	
12		McIntosh, Alexander	
13		McIntosh, William	
14		Pousett, Francis	
15	Captain	Percy,	
16		Ross, George	
17		Ross, David	
18		Strother, Arthur	
19		Stevis, _____	
20		Tate,	
21		Wilkins, Thomas	
22		Williams, David	
23	Captain	White, Matthew	

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Muster, Lieut Colonel Thomas Brown's Company, King's Rangers, Savannah, GA, 24 Oct 1781, 61 days, 25 Oct-24 Dec 1781		
Nr	Rank	Name
26	Private	Smyth, William
27	"	Bates, Thomas
28	"	Belin, Nicholas
29	"	Franks, Joseph
30	"	Flanagan, John
31	"	Rigginis, Buchannon
32	"	Rickman, John*
33	"	Langford, Moses*
34	"	Mortimore, John*
35	"	Martindale, John*
36	"	Winfield, Curris*
37	"	Finley, Jonathan*
38	"	Vincent, John*
39	"	Hancock, John*
40	"	Ward, Benjamin*
41	"	Thompson, Jonathan*
42	"	Campbell, Gilbert*
43	"	Adams, William*
44	"	Adams, Jacob*
45	"	Batton, Peter*
46	"	Longhorn, James*
47	"	Taylor, Richard*
48	"	Shirley, Martin*
49	"	Ferguson, John*
50	"	Repizo, William*
51	"	Allgood, William*
52	"	Harness, William*
53	"	Dayley, George
54	"	Saxton, Matthew
55	"	Small, Thomas
56	"	Tomlin, Thomas, enlisted 3 Sept 1781
57	"	Long, William, " " "
58	"	Baker, William, " 14 " "
59	"	Dougherty, John, " 16 Sept 1781
60	"	with the British Legion
61	"	Owens, Terry, enlisted 18 Sept 1781,
62	"	with the British Legion
63	"	Jones, William, died 19 Oct 1781
64	"	Lattimer, George, died 12 Oct 1781
65	"	Henderson, Richard, died 23 Oct 1781
66	"	Brewer, William, died 22 Oct 1781
67	"	Bryant, William, transferred to Captain Wyley's Company 25 Oct 1781
68	"	Billings, John, died 10 Sept 1781
69	"	O'Neil, John, deserted 8 Oct 1781
70	"	Fuz, William, died 28 Sept 1781
71	"	Wybarn, John, died 8 Oct 1781
72	"	Dicks, Hendrick, died 14 Sept 1781
73	"	Moon, William, transferred to Capt Marshall's Company 25 Oct 1781
74	"	Murdocks, William (same as Moon)
		North, Thomas, recruiting
		Scenes, John, enlisted 13 Sept 1781
		*prisoners with remarks
Mustered: 1 Lieut Colonel, 1 Lieut, 1 Ensign, 1 Adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 mate, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 39 effective private men attest: John Jenkins, Deputy Muster (PAC, RG91 "C" Series, Vol 1398) Master, Provincial Forces Daniel Ellis, Lieutenant		

LOYALISTS IN THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN, VOLUME I		
Nr	Rank	Name
1	Lieut Colonel	Brown, Thomas
1	Lieutenant	Ellis, Daniel
1	Ensign	Douglas, Benjamin
1	Chaplain	Stewart, James
1	Adjutant	Brown, James C.
1	Qtr-Mstr	Waliron, Gifford
1	Surgeon	Allen, John
1	Mate	Booth, Thomas
1	Sergeant	Mitchell, Thomas
2	"	Bruce, Simon
3	"	Bryant, William
1	Corporal	Cook, David
2	"	Hagan, James
3	"	Clibborn, Ephraim
1	Drummer	Brooks, James
1	Private	Owens, Terry
2	"	Bunard, Thomas
3	"	Pritchett, John
4	"	Stone, Charles
5	"	King, John
6	"	Smyth, Thomas
7	"	Shirley, James
8	"	Berry, Thomas
9	"	Gums, Andrew
10	"	Robert, Het
11	"	Holton, Richard
12	"	Carroll, John
13	"	Duyre, Jacob
14	"	Smyth, John
15	"	Pritchett, Edward
16	"	Thoroughgood, John
17	"	Carr, William
18	"	Zeyner, William
19	"	Wall, Henry
20	"	Smyth, William
21	"	Bates, Thomas
22	"	Franks, Joseph
23	"	Flannegan, John
24	"	Sexton, Matthew
25	"	Small, Thomas
26	"	Long, Thomas
27	"	Baker, William
28	"	Dougherty, John
29	"	Dixon, William
30	"	Evans, William
31	"	Elmore, James
32	"	Haines, John
33	"	Haines, James
34	"	Leach, James
35	"	Hudson, Richard
36	"	Jackson, Thomas
37	"	Francis, John
38	"	King, Robert
39	"	Jones, John
40	"	Browne, George
41	"	North, Thomas
Mustered at Savannah, 24 April 1782		

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SOUTH CAROLINA ROYALISTS

Muster Colonel Joseph Robinson's Company, SC Royalists,
 24 Feb 1781, 60 days, 24 Feb-24 Apr 1781
 Name Remarks
 1e Havers, John
 Strauther, William
 Martin, Henry
 Achinson, William
 Sharp, Martin
 Risinger, Thomas
 Denton, William, enlisted 17 Feb 1781
 Cheshire, John, " " "
 Harvey, Richard, on command
 McCartney, William, on command
 Crane, Spencer, on command
 Hicks, John, on command
 Brock, John, on command
 Humphries, Griffin, died, 3 Jan 1781
 Collins, Richard, on command
 Jeffreys, Thomas, on command
 Wattson, John, on command
 Whaley, William, on command
 Brock, Valentine, on command
 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 2 corporals, 1 drummer,
 five private men
 attest: John Jenkins, Deputy Muster Master
 Provincial Forces
 Moses Whitley, Lieutenant
 SC Royalists

(PAC, RG81 "C" Series, Vol 1902)

Muster Colonel Joseph Robinson's Company, SC Royalists,
 SC, 24 Apr 1781, 61 days, 25 Apr-24 Jun 1781
 Name Remarks
 Lt Colonel Robinson, Joseph
 Sergeant Whitley, Moses
 Corporal Pit, Joseph, deserted 20 May 1781
 Hunter, John, on command
 Alexander, Robert, recruiting
 Kirkland, Aaron
 Connor, Arthur
 Farmer Davis, Thomas
 Farmer Iairer, Absalom, deserted 3 Jan 1781
 Poland, William
 Royd, John, deserted 29 May 1781
 McDowell, John, prisoner with rebels,
 April 1781
 Moses, Henry
 Prester, Gospers, deserted, 30 May 1781
 Jenkins, John
 Frelick, Martin, deserted 23 May 1781
 Sigler, John, deserted 25 May 1781
 Havers, John, on command
 Robinson, William, prisoner, 8 Sept 1781
 Struther, William, deserted 5 Jun 1781
 Hartley, Henry, deserted 3 May 1781
 Sharp, Martin, deserted 29 May 1779
 Risinger, Thomas, deserted 29 Apr 1779
 Hartel, Michael, enlisted 17 Mar 1779,
 absent on leave

LOYALISTS IN THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN, VOLUME I

Muster, Lieut Colonel Joseph Robinson's Company, SC Royalists,
 Camden, SC, 24 Apr 1781, 61 days, 25 Apr-24 Jun 1781
 Nr Rank Name Remarks
 17 Private Harvey, Richard, enlisted 17 Mar 1779,
 on leave
 18 " McCartney, William, enlisted 17 Mar 1779,
 absent on leave
 19 " Barnes, John, enlisted 17 Mar 1779, absent
 with leave
 20 " Crane, Spencer, deserted, time unknown
 21 " Hicks, John, " " "
 22 " Brock, John, " " "
 23 " Collins, Richard, " " "
 24 " Brock, Valentine, " " "
 25 " Whaley, William, " " "
 26 " Wattson, John, " " "
 27 " Humphries, Griffin, absent with leave
 28 " Jeffreys, Thomas, " " "
 29 " Denton, William, with the rebels
 30 " Cheshire, Jonathan, sick in General Hospital
 31 " Johnston, Daniel, enlisted 1 Apr 1781, sick
 in General hospital
 32 " Tint, Robert, enlisted 1 Apr 1781, on leave
 33 " Dodson, Archibald, enlisted 1 Apr 1781, sick
 in General hospital
 34 " Ward, Joshua, enlisted 1 Apr 1781
 35 " Ward, John, " " "
 36 " Harris, David, " " "
 Mustered: 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 lieutenant, 2 corporals,
 1 drummer, 6 effective private men
 attest: John Jenkins, Deputy Muster Master
 Provincial Forces
 Thomas Frazer, Major
 SC Royalists

(PAC, RG81 "C" Series, Vol 1890)

Muster, Captain Levi Youman's Company, SC Royalists, Savannah,
 GA, 1 Dec 1779
 Nr Rank Name Remarks
 1 Captain Youmans, Levi, commissioned 24 Aug 1779
 1 Lieutenant Dunworth, Peter, " 13 Nov 1779
 1 Ensign Waugh, David, " 13 Nov 1779
 1 Sergeant Youmans, Stephen, enlisted 10 May 1779
 2 " Myers, John
 3 " Nelson, Rutledge
 1 Corporal Rivers, Jacob
 2 " Croson, Thomas, absent
 3 " Shepard, Christian, absent
 1 Private Ulmer, Peter
 2 " Tendar, John
 3 " Preacher, John
 4 " Previts, Simon
 5 " Tender, Matthias
 6 " Meadows, John
 7 " Rivers, George, Jr.
 8 " Pence, Christopher
 9 " Besinger, Jacob
 10 " Maloy, Edward
 11 " Ironmonger, Edward
 12 " Smith, Samuel, enlisted 10 May 1779

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Nr	Rank	Name	Remarks
5	Private	Hogge, George, died 22 Apr 1783	
6	"	Freeman, John	
7	"	Oldham, Isaac	
8	"	Fricster, John	
9	"	Evans, John, on command at St. John's Bluff	
10	"	Johnson, James	
11	"	Shively, John	
12	"	Matthews, Henry, absent with leave, Fisher's Island	
13	"	Curley, Owen, on command at Matanzas	
14	"	Follitt, John	
15	"	Brown, William	
16	"	Coffman, Jacob	
17	"	Curtis, Benjamin	
18	"	North, Thomas	
19	"	Hogge, Stephen	
20	"	Terry, Joseph	
21	"	Adler, Stoiberg	
22	"	Matthews, James, claimed and taken by the Navy, 12 Apr 1783	
23	"	Crosby, Richard, on command at Picolatta	
24	"	Derrar, John	
25	"	Mann, Thomas, transferred to Capt J. Harrison's Company	
26	"	Shugart, Peter, on command at Picolatta	
27	"	Fitch, Andrew	
Mustered at Saint Augustine, 25 Apr 1783			
attest: Rigdon Brice, Deputy Muster Master Provincial Forces Samuel Harrison, Capt-Lieut James E. Boisseau, Lieut SC Royalists			
(PAC, RG81 "C" Series, Vol 1902)			

Nr	Rank	Name	Remarks
1	Captain	Risinger, Faight	
1	Sergeant	Coleman, Stephen	
2	"	Strum, Henry	
1	Corporal	Filles, Adam	
2	"	Hobby, Daniel	
1	Private	Henn, Nicholas	
2	"	Weaver, George	
3	"	Weaver, Henry	
4	"	Shelton, George, Sr.	
5	"	Shelton, Thomas	
6	"	Ward, John	
7	"	Long, Peter	
8	"	Whiteman, Charles	
9	"	Kupert, Frederick	
10	"	Corun, Nicholas	
11	"	Zimmerman, Henry	
12	"	Hoffman, Peter	
13	"	Risinger, Thomas	

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(Translation
from the Spanish)

I know all men by this public instrument, that I Daniel Tisaut, an inhabitant of this jurisdiction do bargain & sell really and bona fide, unto Henry Bodin dwelling on the same, a tract of land to me belonging situate on Fresh River containing, about (more or less) Forty acres front by the usual depth, bounded on the East by a small Bayou called Toof, which separates it from the plantation belonging to the heirs of Lewis Bodin; on the west by the point of mouth of said River, on the North by the same, & on the South by the Pine Woods & King's lands which I sell unto the aforesaid free of all securities & incumbrances (upon which none appears to be in this Commandancy) for the sum of two hundred hard dollars, to me paid in hand, the receipt whereof I hereby duly acknowledge & grant in form; On Faith of which I surrender & make over all right of property, possession, command in & over the said land; having received it of Daniel Ward an inhabitant of this district, by virtue of an express clause in his will, wherein he made me witness at the time . . . All wh. at

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me made me a gift of the same; all of which
I renounce, grant, & transfer to the Purchaser, & to
Heirs, Successors and Assigns, that as his own, he may
possess, exchange, sell, or alienate of his own
free will by virtue of this writing, in whose favor
I grant in sign of real delivery, whereby he may
be seen to have obtained possession, without other
proof be required from which I discharge him, &
bind myself for the security, validity & firmness of
this sale in all form of right with my present and
future property empowering H. B. Justice & inserting a
clause to that effect for their jurisdiction, to execute
with full rigor all judicial Decrees: Whereupon
I renounce all laws in my favor, with the general
one in the form it probability. Henry Bodin being
present at the passing of this writing, accept of the purchase
of said land, at the price, conformity and conditions of upon
which it is sold to me, granting a formal receipt of
the same. In Testimony whereof I date the present
in Mobile 2nd May 1808.

I, Don Antonio de Salazar Captain
of Grenadiers of the Public Regt of Infantry, Civil &
Military Commandant of this place & District, with
two witness who subscribe with me for want of
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a Notary Public) certify & know that the contracting Parties have signed
the foregoing - In presence of - Francisco de Hevia. L. se Valdade &
Joseph Collins - Daniel Fusan. Henry Boden - Francisco Canedo.
Ramon Lopez.

Before me

Antonio de Salazar

The above is conformable to the original which is among the Recs
of this commandancy under my charge which quote, & at the request
of the purchaser, I give the present before two attending witnesses
(for want of a Notary Public) & on plain paper, having none stamped
on the day of drawing the instrument.

Antonio de Salazar.

Francisco Canedo

Ramon Lopez.

Evidence.

Louis D'Olive being sworn saith, that the land claimed
by Nicholas Weeks as agent for Henry Boden & lying on Fish
River, was inhabited and cultivated by Daniel Ward from that
the time that the English possessed this country until his Death, that
the said land has been inhabited and cultivated until this
time from the Death of said Ward by Mr. Rennet & Daniel Duzan

time from the Death of said Ward by Mr. Ternet & Daniel Dugan.

B.
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To the Commissioner of Land claims, east of Pearl river.

Sir,

Please take notice that I claim two hundred and ~~forty~~^{forty} acres of land situated on Fish River by virtue of a grant from the British Government burnt at the time of the conquest of Florida by the Spaniards, given in favor of Louis Baudin whose heirs Henry & Constance Baudin conveyed it to me by instrument of writing dated 1st of January 1810 which instrument of writing is filed with this notice.

Thomas Powell.

Louisiana, East of
Pearl River, Parish of
Pascagoula, June 25-1813

This indenture made and executed at Fish River in the Mississippi Territory, on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten, between the undersigned Heirs of Louis Baudin deceased of the one part & Thomas Powell, resident in the aforesaid Territory of the other part, witnesseth, the undersigned

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real deed of transfer for which I give a formal receipt.
In Testimony whereof the present is dated in the Town
of Mobile 5th day of April 1813.

I Cayetano Perez Captain of the Louisiana Reg't of
Infantry, civil and Military Commandant of said place
and District, with two testifying Witnesses who subscribe
with me (for want of a Notary Public) certify & give
Faith to the contracting Parties that they have signed
it in the presence of John Joseph Bon, Vaiss
Pana, Bony Dubreuil James Innerarity - Francis
Gerard

Before me
Francis Morgan

Cayetano Perez
John Esteben.

This is in conformity to the original which was
executed before me & remains in the Record of public
Instruments which is among the archives of this
Commandancy under my Charge to which I
have recourse & at the solicitation of the parties
grant the present on two leaves of plain paper, having
no stamp on the day of its execution,

Cayetano Perez

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Bayetano Perez.

To the Commissioner of Land Claims East of Pearl River.

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Wynn
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Sir,
Please to take that by virtue of a Power of
Attorney dated in Charleston the 21 Aug^t 1812 from the
heirs of Benjn & Daniel Ward of this Province of West Florida
deceased & of John Ward of Charleston S. Carolina deceased
I claim for their use and benefit - A Tract of land
situated on the east side of Fish River cutting and
bounding south on the Bay of Mobile West on Fish river
East northerly on a small creek & lands settled by Louis
Francois Brociden and on all other sides by vacant lands
at the time of the Grant which said Tract contains eight
acres in front on Fish River with the accustomed
depth generally granted to the former French inhabitants by
the French Government which I claim for the heirs aforesaid
in virtue of a title from the French Govt. lost by time or
accident, & by a lease & release for the same given by Peter
Martin alias Champhenoit to Daniel Ward - the lease
executed the 18th October 1764 & the release on the 19th of
the same month & year both herewith accompanying -
I also claim for the said heirs a tract of land of four

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acres front by the ordinary depth situated on Fowl River by virtue
of a title from the French or British Government lost by time or
accident & a sale executed of the same by Gov. Henry Commissar
of this place to Daniel Ward for a valuable consideration on
the thirtieth of March 1786 as per sale herewith. I also claim for
the same heirs in virtue of a Grant to D Ward from the Spanish
Government a tract of thirty five acres front by the ordinary depth
on the Bayou Matthew opposite the upper end of Monkies' corn
field. Grant here with dated 29 April 1753.

James Innorarity
attorney in fact for the heirs
of B. D. & J. Ward. —

Mobile 25th June 1813.

West Florida Ss. This Indenture made the eighteenth
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and sixty four and in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign
Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and so forth Between
Peter Martin alias Champerot of Fish River in the Province
aforesaid Merchant of the other part witnesseth that the said
Peter Martin alias Champerot for and in consideration of the
sum of One Thousand Pounds Sterling to him in

sum of Five Shillings of lawful Money of Great Britain to him in hand paid by the said Daniel Ward, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge and for divers other good causes and considerations him therunto moving, Hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents Doth Grant, bargain and sell unto the said Daniel Ward his executors, administrators and assigns all that Tract of Land situated on the East Side of Fish River about thirty miles from the Town of Mobile cutting and bounding South on the Bay of Mobile, West, on Fish river, East northerly on a small creek & lands settled by Louis Transwa Bodin and on all other sides by vacant lands which said Tract of land contains Eight arpents in Front on Fish-river with the accustomed depth generally granted to the former French inhabitants by the French Governor, together with all woods, underwoods, Timber and Timber trees Lakes, ponds, Freshings, Water, Watercourses, profits commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging or in any way were appertaining together with Privilege of Hunting, hunting, Hawking, and Fowling in and upon the same and all mines and minerals, except mines of Gold & Silver, and the Reversion and Reversions, remainder and remainders, Rents, issues and Profits of all and singular the said Premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances,

To have and to hold the said Tract of eight French arpents in front with the accustomed depth land all and

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singular other the premises above granted, bargained and sold and every part or parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Daniel Ward his Executors Administrators and Assigns from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence ensuing and fully to be completed and ended Yielding and Paying therefor one peper Corn al or upon the Feast day of St. Michael next ensuing the date hereof (if lawfully demanded) and no more to the intent by virtue of these presents and by force of the Statute made for transferring uses unto possession he the said Daniel Ward may be in the actual possession of all and singular the said Premises above bargained and sold with the appurtenances and be thereby enabled to take and accept of a Grant and release of the Reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his heirs to the only proper use and behoof of the said Daniel Ward his heirs and assigns forever by Indenture intended to be made between the said Peter Martin alias Champernot of the one part, and the said Daniel Ward of the other part, and to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these Presents: In witness whereof the

of the date of these Presents, I^d witness whereof the
said Peter Martin alias Champeroit hath hereunto set
his hand seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered,

In presence of us
Lois Francois Bodin
Ten Baptiste Alexandre

Pierre Martin 

West Florida, Be it remembred
that on the twenty-first day of January, in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
seventy seven appeared before me Philip Livingston
Junk Esq^r thenceunto duly authorized and also Deputy
Provincial Secretary for the said Province Gen
Baptiste Alexander one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the
within Instrument who being duly sworn on the
Holy Evangelist of Almighty God did depose and say
that he saw the within named Peter Martin sign
seal, execute, and deliver the within Instrument as
his voluntary Act & deed for the uses and purposes
therin mentioned and that the names Lois Francois
Bodin and of Ten Baptist Alexandre are respectively
the proper hands writing of the said Lois Francois Bodin
and of him this Deponent and were so severally set
and

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and subscribed as Witnesses thereto at the time of the signing and executing thereof, and I having inspected the said Instrument and finding therein no material erasures, Interlineations or Obliterations. Do certify the same and allow it to recorded. Ph. Livingston Jnr^t D. Sec^r -

Pensacola January 1777

I do hereby certify that the within Instrument together with the certificate of the proof thereof are Recorded in the Secretary of Registers office of the Province of West Florida in Lib. D. No 5 - Page 438 &c Examined and Compared with the said Record by Ph. Livingston Jnr^t D. Sec^r

(Searched)

21st January 1777. Received & proved by oath of Mr Bapt^t Alexander before P.L.

Ego

West Florida S.S.

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty four and in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France, Ireland, King Defender of the Faith & so forth Between Peter Martin alias the Commandant of Fish River in the Province aforesaid Substant

alias Champenoit of Fish River in the Province aforesaid Inhabitant
of the one part, and Daniel Ward of Mobile in the province
aforesaid Merchant of the other part. Witnesseth that Whereas
his Most Christian Majesty by the certificate of Mons^t.
Monsieur Dabbed Annibal Ouelle Chevalier of the Royal order
of St. Louis and Lieut. Governor of Mobile, and of Mobile
Monsieur Dabcedie Director General and Governor of
Orleans bearing date the twenty first day November one thousand
seven hundred and sixty three did give and grant unto the said
Peter Martin alias Champenoit his heirs and assigns for ever
a certain tract of land situated on Fish River within
within West Florida aforesaid containing eight arpens in
front on the East side of said River with the accustomed
Depth as well more fully & at large appear by the said
original French Titles. Now this Indenture witnesseth
that the said Peter Martin alias Champenoit in Land
paid by ^{the said} Daniel Ward at or before the sealing or delivery of
these presents, the receipt whereof the said Peter Martin
alias Champenoit doth hereby acknowledge and therefore and
therefore doth acquit, release & discharge the said Daniel
Ward his heirs Executors and Administrators and every of
them by these presents hath Granted bargained sold, ~~sold~~
alienated, Released & confirmed and by these presents doth
fully and absolutely grant bargain, sell, alien, release and

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confirm unto the said Daniel Ward (in his actual possession now
being by virtue of a bargain and sale to him thereof made
for one whole year by indenture bearing date the day next before the
day of the date of these presents and by force of the Statute
made for transforming uscs into possessions) and to his heirs and
assigns for ever, all that Tract of Land situated about
thirty miles from the town of Mobile on the East side
of Fish-River Butting & bounding South of the Bay of
Mobile West on Fish-river East northerly on a small creek
& lands settled by Louis Tranowa Boden and on all other
sides on vacant land much sand tract of land contains eight
French arpents in front on Fish-River with the accustomed depth
generally granted to the former French Inhabitants by the French
Governors, as by the grant thereof herein before mentioned reference
being therunto had, will more fully and at large appear -
Together with all Woods, underwoods, Timber and Timber Trees, Lakes,
ponds, fishing water, water courses, Profts Commodities, Hereditaments
and appurtenances whatsoever to the same premises belonging or
in any wise appertaining, and the reversions and reversions remainders
and remainders Rents, issues and Profts, thereof, and every part and
parcel thereof together also with all mines and minerals in
and upon the same premises being or belonging (Gold and silver Mines
not excepted) and also all the Estate Right title Interest in

only accepted) and also all the Estate Right, title, Interest, as-
trust, possession, property, claim, & demand whatsoever both at
Law & Equity of him the said Peter Martin alias Champenoit
of in and to all and singular the said Premises above-mentioned
and of in and to every part and parcel thereof with the
appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract of land
and all and singular the said premises with the appurtenances
hereby granted Released and confirmed and every part and
parcel thereof unto the said Daniel Ward his heirs & assigns
forever, and the said Peter Martin alias Champenoit for
himself, his Executors and Administrators doth hereby covenant,
promise and agree to and with the said Daniel Ward his heirs &
assigns in manner & form following (that is to say) that he the said
Peter Martin alias Champenoit is the true and lawful owner &
proprietor of all and singular the premises herein before granted
with the appurtenances unto the said Daniel Ward, and that
he now hath good right & title and lawful authority to grant, alien,
release & convey all and singular the premises hereby granted
and released with the Appurtenances unto the said Daniel
Ward his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof
of the said Daniel Ward his heirs and assigns for ever in
manner aforesaid. And also that the said Peter Martin alias
Champenoit his heirs and assigns and all and every other person
or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or who shall or may

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at any time or times hereafter lawfully claim any estate Estate, right title or
Interest of in to the said Tract of Land and premises hereby granted and
released as aforesaid or of in or to any part thereof shall and will
from time to time and at all times hereafter at and upon the reasonable
request and at the proper costs and charges in the laws of the said Daniel
Ward his heirs and Assigns make, do, execute and acknowledge and
suffer, or cause to be made, done, acknowledged and suffered all and
every such further and other reasonable act and acts, thing and things
concerning the premises in the Law whatsoever for the further better and
more perfect granting assuring, conveying and confirming of the said Tract of
Land & premises hereby granted and released with the appurtenances and
every part or parcel thereof unto the said Daniel Ward his heirs & assigns
to the only proper use, benefit, and behoof of the said Daniel Ward his
heirs & assigns forever as aforesaid as by the said Daniel Ward, his heirs and
assigns or his or their council learned in the Law shall be reasonably
advised, desired and required. In witness whereof the said parties to
these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals
the day and year above written. —

Signed, sealed and delivered

In presence of us - - - }
Lois fransis Alexandre
Lambertiste Alexandre

Received the day and year within written
of and from the within named Daniel
Ward the 1st in the month of January

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Ten Baptiste Alexandre

Ward²³² the full sum of Two hundred and
thirty Dollars being the consideration within
mentioned to be paid to me by him I say
by me. — Pierre Martin

Pensacola February 1777 Wm. F.

Lois fransois Bodin
Ten Baptiste Alexandre.

I do certify that the within Instrument Receipt and Certificate of
the proof thereof are recorded in the Secretary & Registers Office of
the Province of West Florida in Lib. D. M. page 440 &c examined
and compared with the said Record by Ph. Livingston Junr.
D. Secy

West Florida Ss. Be it Remembered that on the twenty first
day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
& seventy seven appeared before me Phillip Livingston Junr. Esquire
thereunto duly authorized and also Deputy Provincial Secretary for the
said Province Ten Baptiste Alexandre one of the subscribing Wm. F.
to within Instrument who being by sworn on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God did depose & say that he saw the within
named Daniel Ward and Pierre Martin severally sign, seal,
execute, and deliver the within instrument, and also saw the said
Pierre Martin sign the receipt herein indorsed as their several and
respective voluntary acts and deeds for the uses and purposes therein

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mentioning, and that the names of Louis Francois Bodin and of him
this deponent and were so severally set and subscribed as witnesses
thereto at the time of the signing, and, executing thereof and having
inspected the said Instrument and receipt and finding therein
no material erasures, Interlineations or Alterations do certify
the same and allow them to be recorded.

Th: Livingston Junc.
D. Secy.

(Indorsed)
21st Janⁿ Received & proved by oath of F Baptist Alexander
before P. L:

Copy.

(Translation) (from the French)

To Mr. Henry de Gramercy Lieut. Colonel of H. C. M. Army,
Civil and Military Governor of the Jurisdiction of Mobile & its
District &c &c &c Daniel Ward, an Inhabitant of your Jurisdiction
very humbly petitions you, being desirous of making these very
respectful representations, that you may please to afford him
your protection to the following effect. The petitioner being
under the greatest need of sending his Negroes to open a
tract of land suitable for cultivation on the River, for
this purpose he solicits you to grant him thirty five Arpents
front in the Bayou Mathieu on the West side, opposite

"the upper end of Mr. Monluis plantation at a point between
this plantation & Mr. Marbonne's, ascending the said Great
Bayou: as it a tract which no one has claims to, he ventures
to hope, that you will be pleased to grant it him, In acknowl-
ement of the same, he will not cease to offer prayers to
Heaven for the preservation of your days & all that is dear
to you, & to be with profound respect - Sir

Your very humble & very
respectful Servt.

Daniel Ward

Mobile 9th Decr 1782.

Mobile 29th April 1783.

No one sustaining an injury, I grant permission to the
petitioner for this year to settle the place upon thirty-five arpens
of land which he solicits

Grimarest. —

(Translation) from the Spanish.

Copy Know all men by these presents that I Peter de Farot, a
Captain of the Louisiana Regt Civil and Military Commandant
of this place, by virtue of a power to me invested by Mr.
Henry Grimarest, Colonel of the army of New Orleans, under
dated of 23rd January the present Year, do grant and sell really
& absolutely, unto M^r. Daniel Ward, an inhabitant of this
Jurisdiction, a plantation, whom the said M^r de Grimarest

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had purchase from the two Brothers Baptiste & Joseph Nicaipe, as appears by the sale made by the Notary Public of this District on the 14th October 1784, of the said plantation of 4 arpents front, situated on Fowl River distant six leagues from this place, upon which is built a house 25 feet broad, & 18 wide besides an addition newly constructed to said House, properly roofed fenced in around, & ditched up, for the use of the Country, with doors, windows iron work, locks & keys thereunto belonging, besides a Kitchen 16 feet wide by 8 deep, a hen House & oven, every one to itself, immediately adjoining said house, ranges for cattle, inclosures of corn field, divided from the plantation of Mr. Branne, situated in a Marshy place whose circumference is fenced in by good stakes placed horizontally, now sold to the aforesaid Mr. Daniel Ward, with all its entrances & outlets, uses, customs rights & privileges, free from security or mortgag (as I the present Notary certify) for the sum of one hundred twenty Dollars, which was already paid by a Debt of the same amount Mr. de Grimairet owed to the Mr. Ward, remaining satisfied & without any claim to the said House, & the Buildings it comprises, all of which I grant & transfer to the said Purchaser, & to whomsoever no cause & right may belong, that as his own he profess, exchange, sell or transfer it at his will by virtue of this writing, in whose favor I grant a real deed of transfer, whereby he may be seen to have acquired his profession, unless it be required to have other proof from which I discharge him, & bind myself for the security, validity & firmness of this Sale in every

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bind myself for the security, validity & firmness of this Sale on every form of right & that is to be, I inscr^t here the clause empowering the justices to cause it to be executed &c. I the said Daniel Ward being present at the execution of this writing accept of it in my favor, receiving hereby the aforesaid Plantation, house & other buildings to it attached in the manner and conformity which it is sold to me, the receipt whereof of my own accord do grant & give in due form, In Testimony whereof we date the present in the City of Mobile on the 30th March 1786.

The contracting parties whom I the Notary Public, certify & know, have acknowledged & signed the present with these witnesses - Mr. Blaeding Junior - Mr. Valentine Dubosca - & Mr. Gomez - residents of this town - Present Peter de Favoy - Daniel Ward -

Before me James de la Saufaye - Notary Public - This is conformable to the original, which was entered into before me, now among the archives of this place, to which I have recourse, and at the solicitation of the parties do give the present writing on two sheets paper, no stamp being in use, in the town of Mobile 30 March 1786.

In Testimony of the Truth
James de la Saufaye
Notary Public -

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As civil and military commandant of this place of Mobile,
I certify that the preceding sale, is a copy conformable to the
original which lies in the archives of this Port & I set hereunto
my hand on the above day. -

Peter Favrot.

B.
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29h. Louis D'Olives being sworn saith that the first tract of
land claimed by B. D'Ward lying on Fish River, & being No. 84.
was inhabited and cultivated by Daniel Ward a number of years
before his death which was about fifteen or sixteen years ago: & that after
the death of Daniel Ward it was inhabited and cultivated by
persons claiming under the will & by purchases from the devisees;
& it is now thus inhabited & it is now thus inhabited & cultivated
& that the tract claimed by the said Wards, lying upon Fowl river,
was inhabited & cultivated by Daniel Ward from the year
eighty three until his death, & that it was inhabited & cultivated
one or two years after his death by Madam Fernet.

Bartholomew Lorot being sworn saith that the lands
claimed by the Wards lying upon Bayou Matthew, No. 86 was
inhabited & cultivated by Daniel Ward for four or five years before
his death, & after his death it was inhabited & cultivated by
Mr. Sopier & D'Oliver two or three years; and afterwards by
Mr. Alexander for two or three years. & that Daniel Ward did

Mr Alexander for two or three years; & that Daniel Ward died about twenty-three or four years ago: that the land has been vacant about fifteen or fifteen years.

To the Commissioner of Land Claims East of Pearl River.
Sir

B.
41. Please to take notice that I claim a Tract of
Land of two hundred acres on the East side of the Bay of
Mobile & bounded by it westerly & southerly by the brickery
tract of Trouillet now belonging John Forbes &c. in all other
sides bounded by vacant lands being distant about four leagues
S.E. from this place & claimed by virtue of the accompanying
grant from the Spanish Government to me dated the
21st Aug^t 1810.

I claim also by virtue of another grant from the same
Government dated the first day of August 1810 a lot of ground
containing three acres situated behind this town bounded
on the South by lands of John Forbes &c. on the east of
Soachun street & on the other sides by vacant lands. —

Mobile 24th June 1813
Isabelle Maronne
et Campbell.

Cob.

Sunday, September 20, 1959

Hobby—Glass Pitchers

Pascagoula Collector's Home Is Virtually 'House Of Glass'

By ROY HAINES

Press Register Reporter

PASCAGOULA, Miss.—If Denus the Menace suddenly came to life, emerging from his pen and ink world of mischievous destruction, there is at least one Pascagoula home that would shudder with dread.

Mrs. O. E. Ward, a collector of glass antiques, would probably view a visit from Denus or his compatriots as equivalent to the old "ball in a china shop" adage.

The visitor to Mrs. Ward's Pas-
cagoula Street residence, the old Scovel home, part of which has
been in existence since the Civil
War, must of necessity take care.

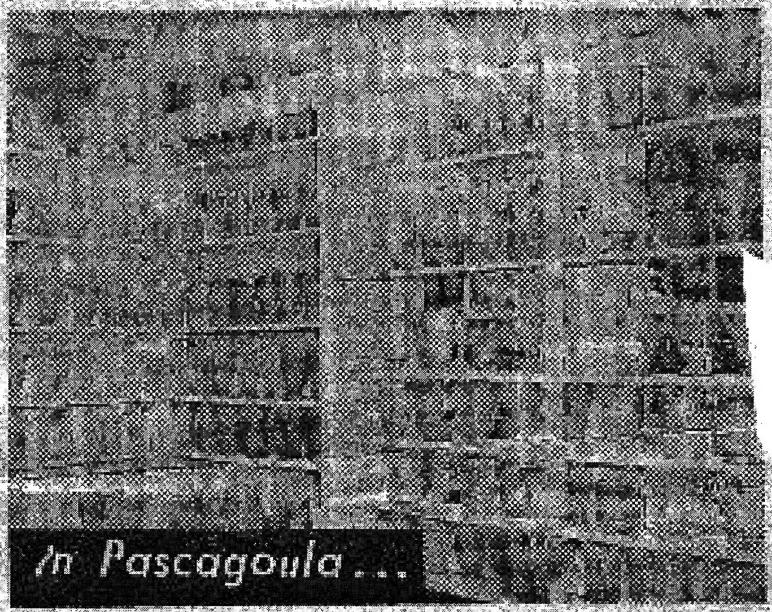
18 Years of Hobby

A connoisseur of early Ameri-
can glassware, Mrs. Ward has
been gathering around her art
objects for over 18 years. Time,
money, and loving care have gone
to the hobby of this Lucedale
native who has lived here 20
years.

Mrs. Ward's collection centers
mainly in water pitchers, though
she "did start by gathering
reamers." Over 350 pitchers, plus
about 100 pieces of other glass-
ware, line the walls of her home.
Mrs. Ward points out there are
over 2,000 old patterns" in co-
estic pattern glass, with still
more undescribed, especially in
books made prior to 1870.

Because factories had no cata-
logs, especially during the maxi-
mum production period of 1870
to 1900, the history of many pieces
of glassware is unknown. Perhaps
this is part of the fascination for
the avid collector.

Symbols of their time, glass-
ware in general and pitchers in
particular represent periods of



In Pascagoula . . .

Press Registry Photo By Roy Haines

WALK SOFTLY HERE

. . . part of Mrs. O. E. Ward's collection,

history, taste, and sometimes fan-
tasy.

Patterns Named

Each pattern is named, and
these read like a book of poetry
at times. In Mrs. Ward's collec-
tion there is included the Silver
Sheen, the Butterfly, Honeycomb,
Horn of Plenty, Thousand Eye,
Broker Column, The Actress, The
Old Kitchen Stove, Bird in the
Basket, Bringing Home the Cows,
Cupid and Venus, and many, many
others.

Created during the Spanish-
American War, and now in the
stately Pascagoula home of Mrs.
Ward are the Admiral Dewey and
the Gridley pitchers.

Grotesque, graceful, tall, short,
variety of pitcher is present in the
tinted, frosted, clear, every va-

Pascagoula grouping. "And each,"
Mrs. Ward points out, "must reg-
ularly receive a washing, or lose
its clean, shining look."

A clerk in the legal department
of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., Mrs.
Ward estimates each piece to be
worth "\$15 to \$25, or more." Liv-
ing in a land of not infrequent
storms, the Pascagoulan has the
entire lot partially insured.

Though she buys most of her
pieces, Mrs. Ward occasionally
has one given her, as when a
Miss Point resident presented a
pitcher found in the mud and
debris following the Johnstown
flood.

Following a fascinating and un-
usual hobby, Mrs. Ward is prob-
ably the only Pascagoula resident
who can say she lives "in a house
of glass."

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Two M. W. C. Students Win Much Applause for Their Artistic Recital in Speech Art

The Speech Arts Department of Mississippi Woman's College presented two talented young readers, pupils of Miss Nena Kate Ramsey, in certificate recita. Friday evening, March 7th. These two young women, Misses Frances Pearl Cockcroft, of Moss Point, and Kathryn George Breland, of Coffeeville entertained the large audience quite delightfully in an evening's program of readings and plays.

Miss Cockcroft, who was first to appear in a facitful musical arrangement of Wilde's "The Happy Prince," gave a very pleasing rendition of the beautiful story. The musical program as rendered by Miss Elizabeth Davis of Mendenhall, student of the Music Department of the college was very expressive of the thought and mood of Wilde's story. Miss Cockcroft read a humorous poem, "Greetings for Two," by Folcy, that delighted the audience. Her impersonations of the two old men of the poem were excellent. Miss Breland and Cockcroft then presented a one-act play, "Taxi," by Laney, a play of ridiculous situation and humorous dialogue that was most effective.

Miss Breland appeared in an interpretation of a one-act play "The Lord's Prayer," by Coppoc. This play is one of intense situation, dramatic climaxes, and emotional expression and Miss Breland's rendition of it was excellent. Her characterization of the young woman was very well done, and throughout the whole scene, her impersonations proved her to be a reader of unusual dramatic ability. Following this play Miss Breland read a very clever number, "De Namin' ob de Twins," by Childe, in which she portrayed very adequately the characteristics of the southern negro.

Miss Breland looked very sophisticated in a chic creation of peach moire taffeta made on slim princess lines. Miss Cockcroft looked very charming in a princess gown of green moire with trimming of the same.

Both Miss Cockcroft and Miss Breland are seniors at Mississippi Woman's College and will receive their certificates in Speech Art next May.

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Historian—John W. Johnson
Secretary—John W. Johnson
Term of four years at West Point
Yearly salary \$1,000
Senate was selected as the site of meeting, the second Wednesday in May, 1888.

John W. Johnson (Johnson) is a member of the Pascagoula River Bar Association. He is a son of John W. Johnson, the man who made this sort of business. He is now regarded by people as the little brother of the elder Johnson and his name is held in high esteem. He is held in high esteem because he is a good lawyer and the town is well pleased with him. He is a real good for the community, away for 3 weeks in the while the "boom" blanketed occasionally, and expensive Clark County (Miss.) Tax.

Following post offices in the have been discontinued:
Jefferson County, mail to Hattiesburg;
Flat Creek, Harrison county,
to Alcorn; Jena, Greene county,
mail to Hattiesburg; and
Alcorn County, mail to
Hattiesburg.

MARINE

Crabbing on Sandy is a violation of the laws of the state.

Mr. S. Nelson, of Biloxi, gave us a talk Wednesday.

One thousand pounds of blue fish was hauled in at one time this week.

The nights are very quiet on the Pascagoula river, save the occasional jumping of a mullet.

Mr. George W. Wilkes and children, of Biloxi, visited relatives here Wednesday.

We had a rain storm Saturday evening. Telegraph wires at West Pascagoula were blown down.

Summertime says that a person who will lie will also steal. We believe him in about half right.

Our gardeners are shipping cucumbers and other early vegetables to the Northern markets.

Mr. F. M. Johnson, of America, gave us a talk Wednesday. We are sorry to see him in feeble health.

Mr. J. E. Jackson of Orange Grove, was in Scranton Monday. He reports all serene in his section.

Mr. P. K. Mayer left yesterday evening for Hattiesburg to attend the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, that met there on that day.

Face the music. If you are a candidate for office, announce your name in the DEMOCRAT-STAR.

Don't hide your light under a bushel.

Mr. Attorney General, Thomas A. Ford has been in town a day or two. He is in good health and is warmly greeted by his many friends in this section.

Mr. R. P. Gaudin of Tuscaloosa, held Scranton a visit last Wednesday. He was much pleased with the surroundings and prospects, and was favorably impressed with the idea of the good people of Tuscaloosa summering with him.

Mr. E. P. Dillbeck, formerly of Scranton, but now of Mobile, came over Wednesday to spend a few days with the Scranton friends. Dick is looking well and reports his mind in the Gulf City.

Miss Florence Morrow closed her school on Friday and returned to her home in Grand Bay, Alabama, where she is teacher. She was not able to make enough to return home.

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Alex. Ward ^{oldest}
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Patrick Ward

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Nancy Knight Ward



*Nancy Knight Ward
and
Nancy Ward Childress*

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ELIJAH COVINGTON WARD
(SON OF HENRY)

ELVIRA E. PAULINE A. MISSOURI
(Daughter of ELIJAH
McCARTY)

The C. F. Ward Family

Top Row (L to R)

"Oscar" Nolan, "Lennie" Alma, "Curtis" Calhoun
Barnett Avra

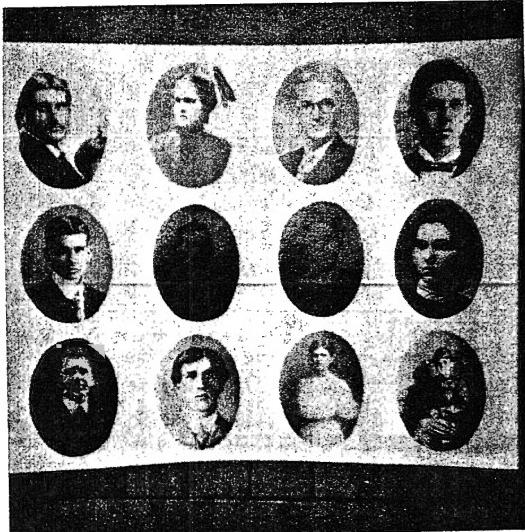
Middle row

"Jaliver" Clyde, C. F. "Neal" (Father)
"Jerusha" Jane Ely (Mother), "Ollie" Evelyn

Bottom row

Robert "Rawlin", "Ellie" Fairbanks
"Mamie", "Max"

Not shown
Maggie (Died young) (1892-97)



Family

(L to R)

"Alma, "Curtis" Calhoun

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"Neal" (Father)

"Jerusha" Jane Ely (Mother), "Ollie" Evelyn

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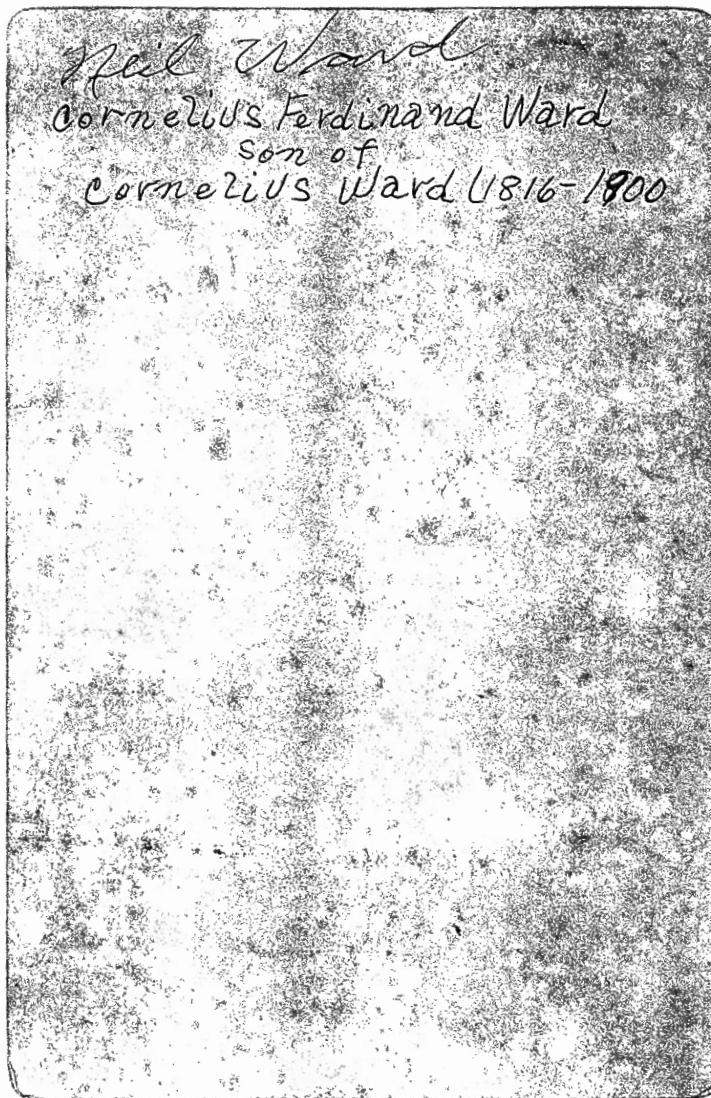
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Lennie Alma Ward Killcreas

B. October 6, 1877 D. March 29, 1958

Ollie Evelyn Ward Moffett

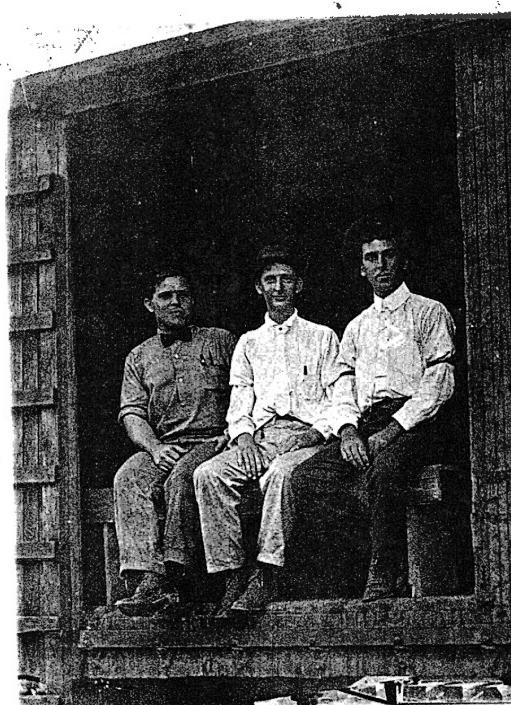
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Mary Louise "Mamie" Ward Denson

B. April 7, 1892

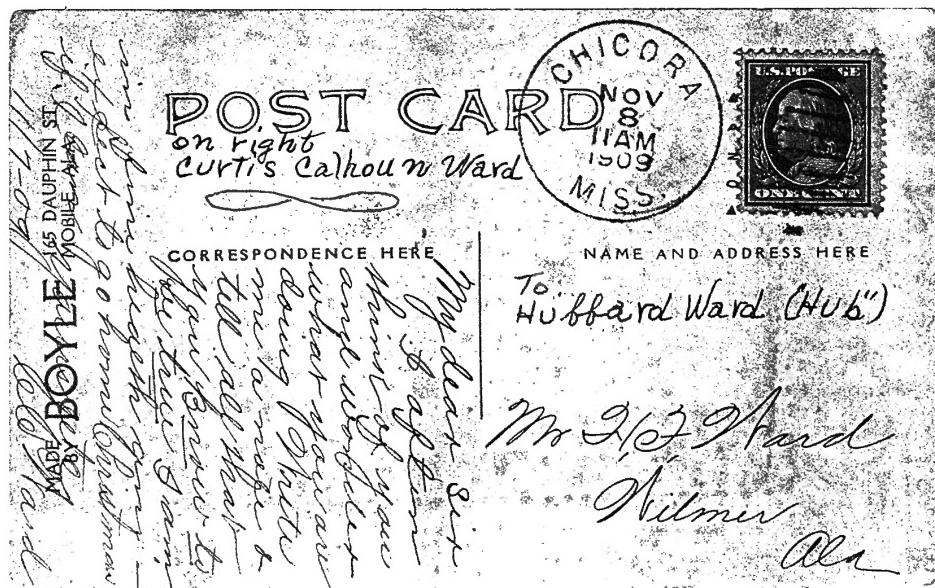
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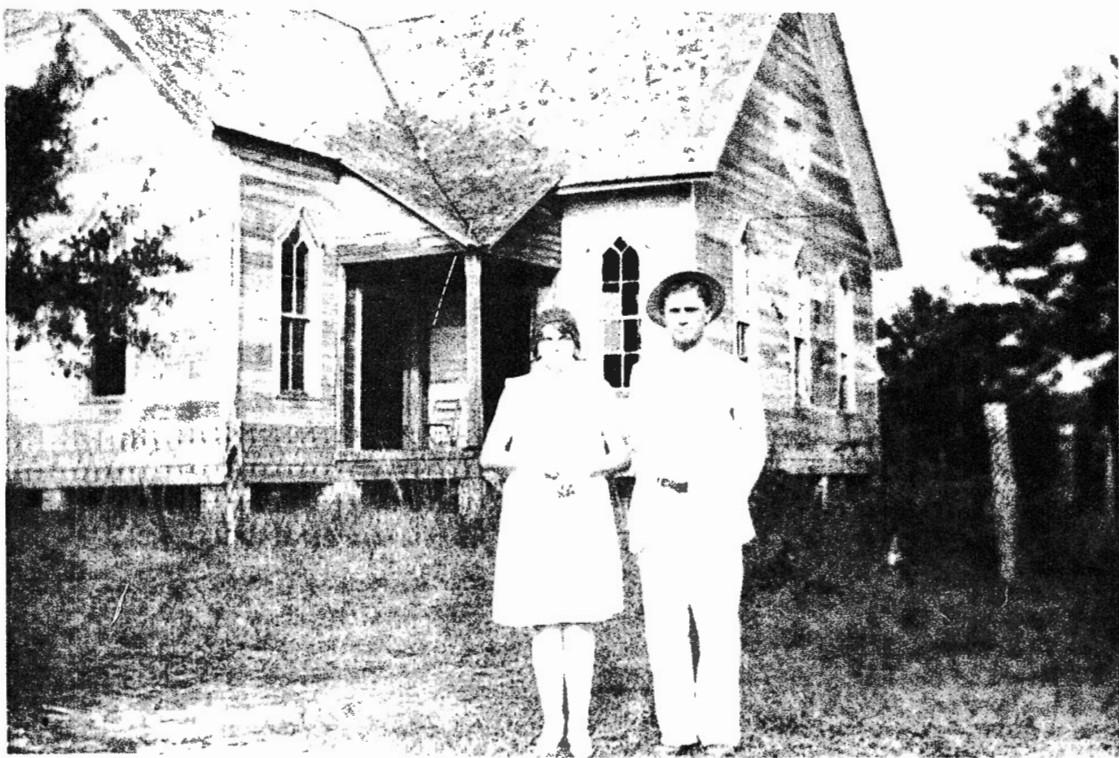


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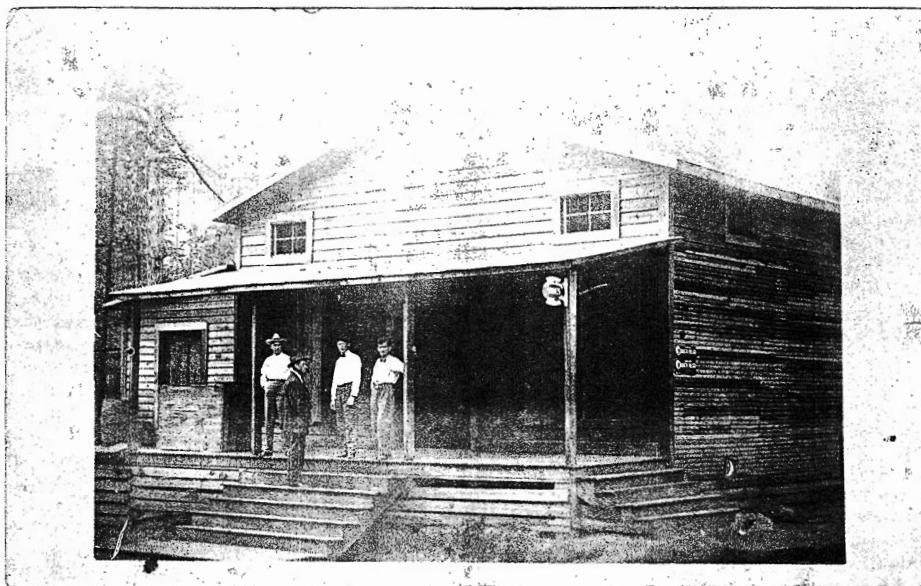


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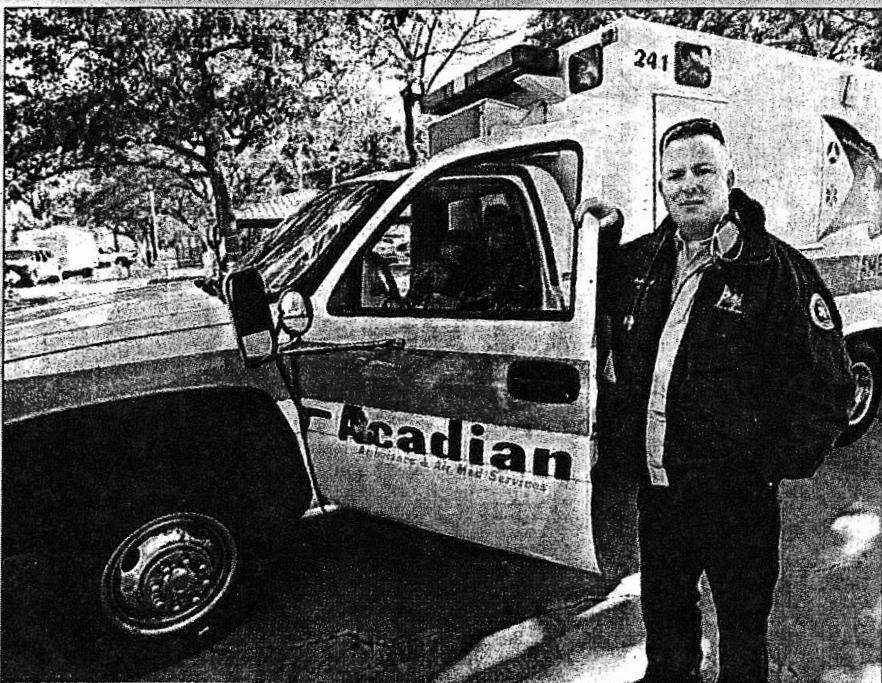


Ward family house
202 Isle Area, Opp. Ala.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

THE MISS

FACES OF THE COAST



Christy Pritchett/The Mississippi Press

Gerald Ward

EMT Gerald Ward didn't always want to work in the medical field. Ward worked for 14 years in the foundry at Rolls Royce Naval Marine making propellers. Ward decided to get involved with the Forts Lake/Franklin Creek Volunteer Fire Department, but said he wanted to fight fires exclusively because he didn't like blood. After

volunteering for a short time, Ward fell in love with helping people. He found that upon arriving on scene he was drawn to the people in need. After spending 14 years with Rolls Royce, Ward changed gears in life and began working toward a career in the emergency response field. Ward now works full time at Northrop Grumman Fire Department and part

time with Acadian Ambulance Service. Ward says he finds his job as an EMT very rewarding and takes pride in being a part of saving a life. Ward says that hearing a patient say "thank you" is the most rewarding part of his job. Ward is a resident of Franklin Creek. He is married and has two children.

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■ ST. MARTIN — Beatrice "BeBe" Ward, 64, died Wednesday, July 17, 1996, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Ward was born in Bay St. Louis and had been a longtime resident of St. Martin. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Forrest and Rita Brown

Favre, and two brothers, Roy Favre and Harry Favre.

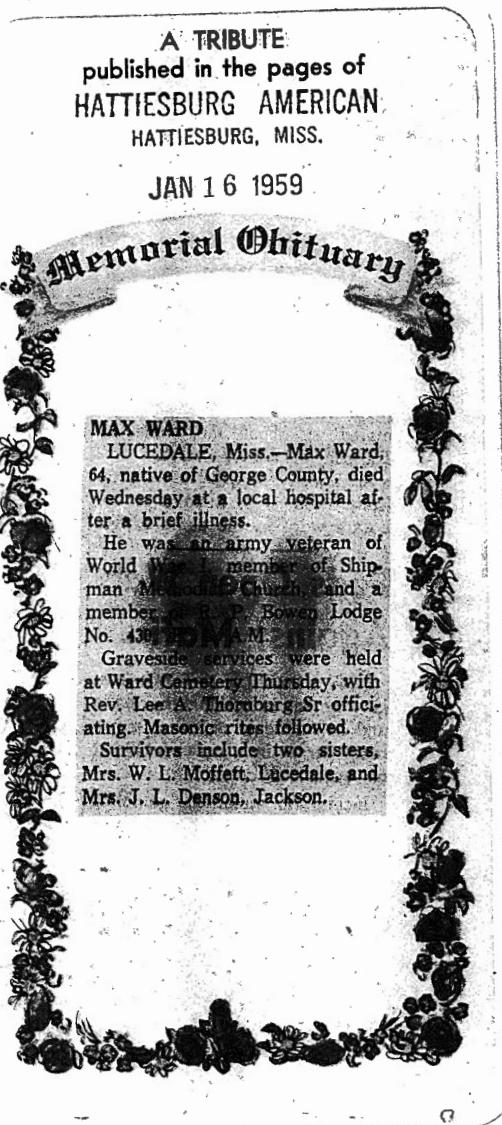
Survivors include her husband, Arthur Ward of D'Iberville; two daughters, Sharon Nemmers of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and JoAnn Schrieber of Biloxi; a son, James A. Ward of Mobile; two sisters, Sister (Pat) Favre, S.J., of New Orleans, and Jane Scarborough of Jackson; five brothers, Forrest L. Favre Jr. of Metairie, La., Myles Favre of Montgomery, Michael Favre of Metairie, Clyde Favre of DeLisle and Thomas Favre of Pineville; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with a recitation of the rosary at 10:30 a.m. A Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church, with burial in Southern Memorial Park.

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Howard Avenue, Biloxi, is in charge of arrangements.

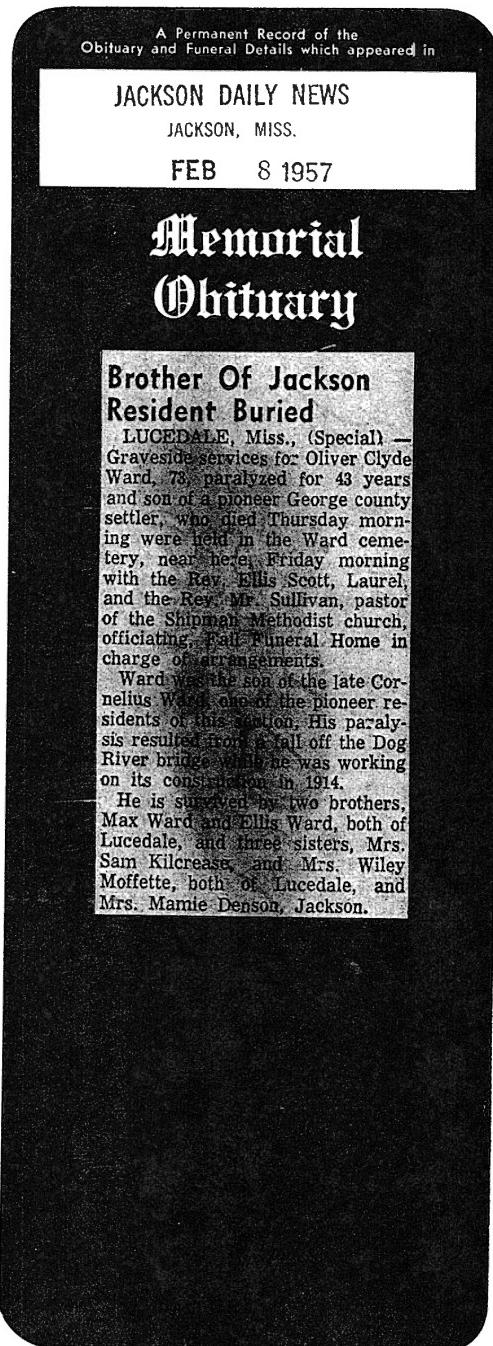
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March of Dimes campaign, today urged residents to contribute to the foundation, which supports several clinics and research centers in the state.

Among the first activities announced for the March of Dimes is a show scheduled for Jan. 4, featuring the Pascagoula Pixies twirling group and other acts.

The twirling show is entitled "Winter Carnival," and will include flag swinging, duet twirling and other novelty performances. Especially staged for one presentation, the show will feature 30 twirlers.

John Gautier is chairman of the Jackson County chapter of the foundation. J. A. Willis is vice-chairman. Mrs. W. W. Russum is secretary and Jesse J. Wolf is treasurer.

Numerous other volunteers will work in the campaign, Allen said.

Pair Posing As Deputies Held In Robbery Case

POPLARVILLE, Miss. (UPI) — S. J. Miller and J. B. Stanford, both of Poplarville, were free on \$1,000 bonds today on charges of armed robbery.

Pearl River County Sheriff J. W. Owens said the two were

Cut; Goes Hunting Today

Dec 26, 1963

Charles Ward Dies In Korea

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ward, 1910 Frederick Street, Moss Point, have received word of the death of their son, US Army Specialist Charles W. Ward, 21, in Korea.

Ward died Dec. 22 as a result of injuries received in an accident which occurred Dec. 14. The military vehicle which he was operating hit a culvert, ran off the road and overturned.

Ward was a 1960 graduate of Moss Point High School.

Survivors, besides his parents, include six sisters, Mrs. Margaret Alice Wilson, Cheryle Ann, Janie Louise, Mary Lynn, Paula Jean and Bari Rene Ward.

Four brothers, Llewellyn Berrios Jr., Phillip Roger, Jeffrey Dale and Derwin Keith Ward, all of Moss Point.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending arrival of the body from overseas.

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — President Johnson had breakfast in his ranch house kitchen before sun-up today and went deer hunting.

With him was his old friend and political adviser, former Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington.

Clad in khaki slacks, shirt and zippered jacket, with a broad-brimmed Texas hat and

Girl Is Slashed By Broken Bottle In Club Brawl

Doris Keeton, 18, of 1117 Church Street, Moss Point, was cut across the face with a broken beer bottle during an argument at the Moss Point Negro Elks Club last night, Deputy Dan Wells said.

Shirley Ann Hayes, 18, of Pine Street, Moss Point, was charged with assault and battery with intent to kill in connection with the incident.

The Keeton woman was treated at Singing River Hospital and discharged. Her condition is good.

Greek Ship's Disaster

boots, the President and Ellington left the LBJ Ranch by helicopter for the neighboring ranch of A. W. Moursund. They had their choice of hunting grounds on the Moursund ranch on three pieces of ranch land Johnson owns.

Two business problems awaited his return. He was keeping in close touch with the State Department about the explosive situation in Cyprus and he had under constant study administrative moves to hold the 1965 budget to the lowest possible level. As part of this, Johnson on Wednesday ordered department and agency heads to eliminate unnecessary federal jobs.

Johnson expected to confer tonight or Friday at his LBJ ranch with John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Rusk, Bundy Due
Secretary of State Dean Rusk and McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President for national security affairs, were due sometime Friday to prepare for the Saturday and Sunday talks here between the President and West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard.

A group of White House staff members also was expected to

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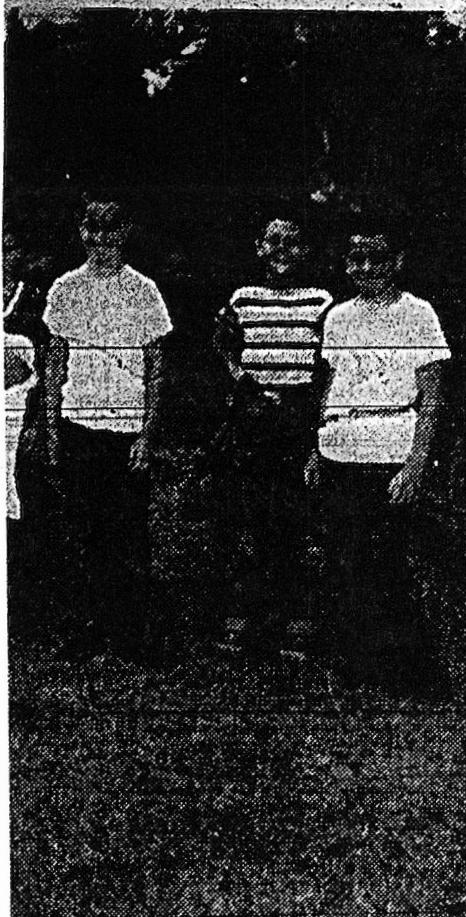
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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1958



OVEL AS GROUND IS BROKEN FOR
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(Wallace Reeves Photo)

Star Of Road-e-o oulala Speaks At Meet

Pascagoula, May 16—Carolyn Stone, winner of the local Jaycee-sponsored road-e-o and fifth place winner in the state, was guest at a Moss Point Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday at City Hall.

The only girl to compete in the state event, Carolyn related her experiences to the Jaycees. She scored 478½ points out of a possible 565.

A discussion was held on raising funds for the organization with Alan Day, president, presiding.

A film of the Sugar Bowl game will be shown June 3 by the Jaycees in the high school auditorium. There will be no admission charges, officials said, and the show is open to the public.

Services Today For Mrs. Ward, 83

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today for Mrs. Emma F. Wafd, 83, who died Wednesday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Alba Malone in Montgomery.

A native of Jackson County, she was a resident of the county most of her lifetime. She was a member of one of the oldest families, daughter of the late John Fairley and Cammie Fairbanks Fairley.

The body was to be taken from Fails to the residence of her brother-in-law R. D. McLeod in Wade Thursday at 3 p.m., where it was to remain for funeral services with the Rev. L. M. Hart officiating. Interment will be in the Fairbanks family cemetery.

Other survivors are a son James of Pascagoula three grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

D. J. Clark Daughter Christened Sunday At Catholic Church

Glenda Elizabeth Clark, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas James Clark of Pascagoula, was christened Sunday at Our Lady of Victories Church with the Rev. Patrick Quinn officiating.

Sponsors were Miss Maithan Strub and Joe Trehern.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the family home, 319 Pine Street. Miss Renie Clark, student nurse at Charity, came home for the occasion to attend the christening of her sister.

In Step With Fashion

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—Attendants in one San Diego beauty shop are now wearing tailored chemise uniforms.

Neosho, Mo., is so intent on beautifying the city that garlands of flowers are placed around garbage cans.

Deadline Today On Nurse Course

Today is deadline for filing applications for a practical nurse training course scheduled to get under way June 2 at Pascagoula High School, Lester Tuck, County Hospital administrator, said.

Applications should be filed at the state employment service office, 216 Krebs Avenue, Pascagoula. Women between the ages of 21 and 45 with a 10th grade education are eligible.

Through Wednesday of this week only 20 applicants had registered, Tuck said. A goal of 45 trainees has been set for the program.

The program has been approved by the state department of education with the academic portion being supplied through Perkinson Junior College.

The course will include three months instruction at the high school and nine months clinical instruction at County Hospital. Graduates will be eligible for licensing by the state nurses examining board.

Suspicious Cruiser

Clearfield, Utah (AP)—An agitated woman excitedly called Police Chief Alf Padgett and reported a mysterious white sedan was gliding by her house at regular intervals. The investigation was short-lived. The sedan turned out to be the police department's shiny new patrol car.

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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INTRODUCING THE NEW

over weekend

By United Press International
At least six persons were killed in weekend traffic accidents in Mississippi, a United Press International survey showed Monday.

An 18-year-old Jackson mother, Mrs. Rachel Chapman Powell, formerly of Yazoo City, was killed in a collision at the intersection of U. S. 94 and State 432 near Bentonia Sunday afternoon.

Injured in the mishap were her husband, Dallas E. Powell Jr. of Jackson, and their infant daughter Tommeye Deloris.

Tom Calhoun of Canton died in a wreck on a county road near Flora Sunday. The 70-year-old man's wife was injured.

Joy Ann Larsen, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Arden Larsen of Water Valley, was killed in Tupelo Saturday afternoon when she ran into the path of a mail truck.

Fred Bailey, about 40, of New Albany, and Val White of Pontotoc, about 70, were killed in a collision near Pontotoc early Saturday.

Jim White, 30, a brother of Val White, was critically injured when a car driven by Val White crashed into that driven by Bailey after a truck passed them, raising a cloud of dust.

Pvt. Charles A. Donahue, a 21-year-old soldier from Sugar Grove, Ill., was killed early Saturday when the motorcycle he and a companion were riding crashed into a car near Mooreville.

groes and police began when about 500 Negroes charged on downtown
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Ward funeral held Saturday in Pascagoula

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate Ward, 67, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church of Pascagoula.

Mrs. Ward died Friday at Singing River Hospital where she had been confined six months.

The Rev. Arthur M. Schneider Jr. officiated and graveside services were held at Poplarville Cemetery in Poplarville.

Jackson County Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

A native of Raeford, N. C., Mrs. Ward had lived in Lucedale before coming to Pascagoula. She resided at 390 Wade Avenue.

A retired legal secretary, she had worked for the late O. F. Moss of Lucedale, James Ford of Pascagoula and Ingalls.

She was a member of Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star and Business and Professional Women's Club.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. T. C. Sinclair of Aberdeen, N. C., and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were G. E. Cowart, E. W. Rummels, E. J. Smith, Verlis Ramsey, Charlie Lander and Wilbur Dees.

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Ward, Sarah E.

April 1, 1892

In Memoriam.

Mrs. SARAH E. WARD (nee Evans) was born in Greene county, Miss., Oct. 13, 1851, and died in Moss Point, Miss., April 12, 1892.

The subject of this sketch was in the meridian of life, and in the high-moon of happiness and usefulness, both in the home and in the Church.

She was married to Mr. W. M. Ward on the 10th day of May, 1877.

Their union was made joyous by the birth of three children, one of which died in infancy, and was tenderly consigned to the keeping of the Good Shepherd.

Two little girls, aged respectively, ten and twelve years, are left behind to rever her precious memory, and comfort the saddened and chastened heart of their fond and loving father.

Her sufferings were long and painful, but were endured with more than ordinary fortitude and Christian resignation.

She was scrupulously careful about the use of anodynes, and desisted until her sufferings were too intolerable to be borne.

Everything that medical science and surgical skill could suggest, to arrest the fatal disorder, was cheerfully resorted to in order to prolong her valuable life, but all to no avail.

The following will give a clear insight into her sterling character:

On her return from the city of New Orleans, some months ago, where she had undergone a most painful and critical operation, when she realized that no permanent benefit would accrue therefrom, she said to the writer of these lines: "I felt it my duty as a Christian to make every possible exertion to recover my health for the sake of my husband and my little girls.

"The effort has been made, and I feel this peaceful consciousness as a reward for the sufferings endured. I have done my duty. The thought of death does not alarm me. God's grace will be sufficient for me."

Truly it may be said of our lamented friend and sister beloved, that she was a helpful and a devoted wife, a self-sacrificing and a doting mother, a gentle and loving sister, a warm and faithful friend, a thoughtful and considerate neighbor, a devout and trusting Christian.

She has gone from us, but we know where to find her.

May the chastened mourning of the disconsolate husband reveal unto him Christ Jesus the Lord, who is the resurrection and the life!

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Mrs. Catherine Ann Ward, 58, of Pascagoula, Miss., died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, in Pascagoula. She was born Nov. 6, 1945, in Cullman, Ala. Mrs. Ward was a former employee of Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula and was of the Catholic faith. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Agnes Boike, and a brother, Jim Boike.

Mrs. Ward is survived by her husband, Luther "Jack" Ward of Pascagoula; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Terri Brabston of Hurley, Miss., and Michael Brabston of Pascagoula; two daughters, Beth Brabston and Joey McFarland of Pascagoula and Krista Ward, also of Pascagoula; step-sons Richard Ward of Texas and David and Kyra Ward of Virginia; two brothers, Robert and Mabel Boike of Fairhope, Ala., and Steve Boike of Kiln, Miss.; three sisters, Nancy Holliday of Pascagoula, Harriet and Joe Martin of Escatawpa, Miss., and Mary and Pat Brabston of Benton; grandchildren, Alex Brabston, Morgan Brabston, Faith Brabston, Katelyn Brabston, Lauren Brabston, David and Beth Ward, Richard Ward, Brandon Ward and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, from 11 a.m. until noon at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point.

Funeral services will follow at noon from the funeral home

chapel with the Rev. Mike Kelleher officiating.

Interment will follow in Serene Memorial Gardens, Escatawpa.

Pallbearers will be Wade Richardson, Doug Tait, Bruce Mazingo, Jeff Sossaman, Jeremy Brewster and Tom Chisolm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to any Hancock Bank for the Catherine Ward Memorial Fund.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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